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## New energy plant could bring jobs to borough

A TOTAL of 50 jobs will be created with the opening of a new waste and energy plant in Walsall, under new plans. An eight-acre site in Bloxwich could be transformed to deal with up to 300,000 tons of waste at the proposed plant on wasteland off Fryers Road, in Leamore, every year. The waste would be sorted and some of it turned into 'green energy'.

Plans have been submitted to Walsall Council by energy company BH EnergyGap.

A string of public consultations have taken place for residents in Birchills and Leamore.

Commercial and industrial waste would be taken by lorries to the centre, which would be called the WandE. It would be sorted, with some items recycled and left over waste turned into energy.

Keith Riley, from BH EnergyGap, said: "As the cost of waste disposal continues to rise, there is ever more pressure on businesses to ensure their waste is properly recycled and not sent directly to landfill."

An application submitted to council planners on behalf of the applicant says it would 'bring back disused industrial land'.

Councillor Tina Jukes, said there has been a mixed reaction to the proposals.

## Fun fair is with Lions

ALL The fun of the fair is coming to Aldridge on Saturday for the 19th annual community celebration organised by Aldridge & District Lions Club.

The day-long free event will be held at Anchor Meadow in Aldridge and will include a large fun fair, an afternoon of live entertainment in the main arena and lots of stalls.

Aldridge Lions President and co-ordinator of the fair Harry Fry said: "In addition to being a great family day out it will benefit the 40 charity groups who have stalls."

# COUNCIL DEFENDS YOUTH CLUB AXE

Report by Tom Mason



Aldridge Manor House – youth HQ to be sold off by Walsall Council

WALSALL Council bosses have defended their decision to close a long-established youth club in Aldridge. But they have also decided to extend the consultation period after an outcry from youngsters and their families.

The council recently confirmed that it would be moving youth services from the landmark Aldridge Manor House, after decades of as a base for youth services, and replace it with a mobile 'pop up' youth scheme.

Residents have taken to social media to express their outrage at the proposals and aired their views at a meeting organised by the council.

Councillor Rachel Andrew, Walsall children's services boss, said: "I realise there has been some concern from young people and residents about the closure of Aldridge Manor House Youth Centre."

"The suggestions being circulated that we've failed to properly consult youngsters with this decision simply isn't the case."

"We've been talking to young people who actually use the centre for their views on the future of youth work provision in the area for some time."

"The provision of youth work at Aldridge Manor House is only one part of what Integrated Young People's Support Service (IYPSS) offers and our IYPSS service is just one aspect of youth work being provided in the area."

## Many

"There are many and varied youth activities being provided by our partners in Aldridge and we are committed to ensuring these activities continue."

The council has already confirmed that IYPSS will continue to run from the site until the end of the year, after which the Grade II listed building will be sold.

Walsall Council's deputy leader Councillor Adrian Andrew added: "In an ideal world, if we were looking to provide a brand new youth centre here in Aldridge, it would not look like Aldridge Manor House."

"An older building certainly has its charm but it's very expensive to maintain, there are no lifts for disabled users and staff have to spend too much time managing the building rather than working with young people."

"Whilst the decision to close the building has been agreed, there is still a huge amount of youth work in Aldridge."

The consultation process will now run until the end of the year.

## Time travelling pupils



With air raid helmets and gas masks are 11-year-old Blue Coat pupils, bottom from left, Maahir Raza and Michael Chibukwa, top, Bareera Pervaiz and Bushra Begum

SECOND World War evacuees will be the subject of a special exhibition being staged by young pupils.

Blue Coat Junior School in Walsall was given a £40,000 grant for the year-long Another Time, Another Place project. Now work by the pupils is going on show at Walsall Museum.

Year 6 children and teachers have worked with former evacuees to find out about their experiences back in the 1940s.

They have brought people's personal stories to life and explored the difficult decisions faced by families during the war.

Children have worked with writer Brendan Jackson and film maker Geoff Broadway as well as artist Nicky Dupays to bring the stories to life. A small exhibition at Walsall Museum's Your Corner gives a taster of the project.

Work is on display at the museum, in Lichfield Street, from now until August 3.

## Plaque is to honour swimming golden girl

A COMMEMORATIVE plaque is being added to a golden post box in honour of Paralympic swimming sensation Ellie Simmonds.

The letter box in Aldridge High Street is also being re-coated to create a permanent tribute to the achievements of the teenage star of London 2012.

It has been temporarily sealed up by Royal Mail ahead of the work due to be carried out this week.

Ellie, whose family home is in Aldridge, became the darling of the nation for her exploits in the pool, adding to her gold medals won at Beijing four years earlier.

## Achievement

Royal Mail spokesperson Valerie Antoine said: "Last year we painted 110 of our red post boxes gold to celebrate the fantastic achievements of British gold medalists at London 2012."

"All our gold post boxes are receiving a permanent coat of gold paint and will include a plaque commemorating the athlete's achievement."

"In High Street, Aldridge, we have stripped down the box in preparation for its permanent gold coating."

The golden post box in honour of 18-year-old Ellie was permanently illuminated at night earlier this year.

## Overnight roadworks

DISRUPTION will be caused in Walsall town centre during a major £400,000 overnight road resurfacing and maintenance work.

Motorists will be hit with by diversions when Bridge Street, Lower Rushall Street and Ablewell Street are shut overnight for up to four days from Sunday.

Resurfacing be carried out along Springhill Road at a later date.

Work is being carried out after 8pm in a bid to reduce disruption. The scheme is due to be completed by mid-July.

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## Drink-driver jumped red light as police pursued

A DRINK-DRIVER led police on a four-mile chase through Walsall, driving at double the speed limit and through red traffic lights, a court heard.

Dominique Haddow was more than twice the legal drink-drive limit as he raced at up to 60mph, with other vehicles forced to veer out of his way.

The 24-year-old had come to the attention of police as he travelled through Willenhall in a Ford Ka which had damage to the rear. He failed to stop for officers leading to a

pursuit before stopping in Lister Road, Beechdale.

The Ka had stopped at traffic lights in Clarkes Lane but then went through them on red, a hearing at Walsall Magistrates Court was told. He was doing 55mph in a 30mph area.

### Admitted

He was then clocked doing around 60mph in Sandbeds Road and in Bentley Lane other motorists had to move out of his way.

Haddow, of Sandwell Street, Cald-

more, admitted dangerous driving, driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence, using a motor vehicle without a test certificate, without third party insurance and when his alcohol level was over the limit, on May 11. He recorded 78 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The limit is 35.

Miss Jo Taylor, prosecuting, told the court that Haddow overtook against on-coming traffic, used the wrong side of the road and exceeded the speed limit. Other vehicles had taken evasive action.

The court heard that officers slowed down at points to prevent the risk of an accident but Haddow went on the wrong side of the road at blind junctions.

Miss Suki Thumber, defending, agreed that the driving itself was very dangerous and did not argue against the case being committed to a higher court for sentence.

Haddow was granted unconditional bail to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentencing on July 9. An interim driving ban was issued.

## Action over car parking near store

MOTORISTS will be banned from parking in a street near a Walsall supermarket under a blitz being launched after complaints about cars clogging the street.

Signs publicising a ban on vehicles parking in Wise-more, where many leave vehicles all day for free, are being installed after scores of people complained of double parking near to the town's Tesco store.

Those who flout the restrictions will face enforcement action from Walsall Council, after they consulted with Tesco bosses. The cash-strapped council has missed out on revenue because of drivers snubbing car parks in favour of free on-street parking in residential areas.

But cars lining the streets are making it difficult for other vehicles to get by. Tesco has a 750-space car park which is free to use for up to two hours.

## Riders hurt on dirt track

TWO riders were seriously injured when their motorcyclists crashed on a dirt track in Wednesbury on Sunday night.

One was airlifted to the major trauma centre at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham with head injuries and multiple fractures following the crash off St Paul's Road at around 6.15pm.

The other was given pain relief at the scene for serious multiple injuries and suspected internal injuries.

## Murder denied

A MAN has denied murdering his mother in Walsall.

Ian Henderson, 61, of Stephenson Avenue, is charged with killing 86-year-old Lilian at their home on Beechdale estate.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court he pleaded not guilty to murder. The case was adjourned and a trial is due to take place in November.

## Fire cuts power

AROUND 300 homes were hit by a power cut following a fire at an electrical junction box in a Walsall street.

Some homes in the Birchills area, including Raleigh Street and Wolverhampton Road, were without electricity for up to five hours on Sunday after the incident began just before 3.30pm.

# Gala Baths petition is presented to Parliament

AROUND 2,000 campaigners have joined the fight to save Walsall's Gala Baths, and they have now handed in a petition to Parliament.

The battle was launched when the future of the town centre site was thrown into doubt as part of a council review of leisure facilities across the Walsall borough.

## Promise on dealing with early deaths in borough

ACTION is being taken to tackle the number of people in Walsall who die early.

Walsall was ranked 111th out of 150 local authorities on a new health map last week.

It showed the borough's ranking when it comes to the number of people who die an early death, which is classed as being before the age of 75. It rated local authorities according to four major killers - cancer, heart disease and stroke, respiratory disease and liver disease.

While Walsall was 111th overall, it was 112th for the number of premature deaths and 113th due to cancer.

Premature liver disease deaths place Walsall 88th out of 150 local authorities and respiratory disease figures show Walsall 92nd.

Councils took over responsibility for public health on April 1 this year.

Councillor Zahid Ali, chairman of the new Walsall Health and Wellbeing Board, said: "Bringing this data and information together in one place makes it easier for people to access and I hope will raise awareness of the challenges that we all face. Action is being taken".

Council bosses have admitted that closure is an option. But a total of 1,938 users of the baths have now signed a petition calling for its future to be safeguarded.

It was handed in at the House of Commons last week by Valerie Vaz, MP for Walsall South.

She said: "The strength of feeling locally on this issue cannot be ignored."

"Nearly 2,000 users of the Gala Baths have made it unambiguously clear that this unique community asset must remain open in Walsall town centre."

She said the health statistics for the borough made it 'vital' that the local authority encouraged more people to take up exercise.

### Diabetes

"Around 7.7 per cent of adults in the borough suffer from diabetes, 27.8 per cent are classed as obese, only 21.8 per cent eat healthily and only 7.8 per cent exercise enough according to Department for Health figures," she said.

Campaigners have shown particular concern for the future of the brine pool at the Tower Street baths, which is the only one of its kind in the West Midlands. The brine pool water is said to have health benefits.

Two new leisure centres are planned for the borough - one at Oak Park in Walsall Wood and one in Bloxwich. Leisure boss Anthony Harris stressed no decisions had been made about the future of the Gala Baths.

"We are reviewing the entire leisure provision in the borough," he said.

## Digging in for fruit and veg



At work at the allotment are, from left, David Coxon, David Smith, Catherine Wilson, Alan Homer and Bethany Smith, growing fruit, vegetables and herbs

A CHARITY based in Walsall is reaping the rewards of a new allotment plot. Fresh fruit and vegetables are being grown at the site, which has been donated to Walsall-based Manor Farm Community Association.

It runs a project to support pensioners across the borough and the plot in Winterley Lane, Rushall, is the latest measure to help people in the borough get fit, more active and healthy.

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## Man jailed over fake £20 note for drink

A MAN has been jailed after trying to use fake £20 notes in a Walsall nightclub.

Wayne Irvine had around £300 of the phoney money when he went to WS1 in Bridge Street, in the early hours, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 38-year-old father-of-three from Wolverhampton tried to use one of the notes to buy a drink, Mr Mohammed Jafeez, prosecuting, said. But the bar assistant suspected it was not genuine and her fears were confirmed. Police were alerted and Irvine was arrested. He was found to have 19 of the fake notes.

Irvine, a building worker of previous good character, had denied possessing counterfeit currency with intent but was convicted by a jury after an earlier trial before being remanded for report.

He was arrested 15 minutes minutes after the detention of 23-year-old James Boylan, who had tried to use another bogus £20 note to buy a drink in the same club, the court heard.

A CCTV recording at WS1 during the run-up to the offences showed 'some communication between the two men while they were standing close together,' Mr Jafeez added.

Irvine, of Walls Street, East Park, was jailed for 12 months by Judge Michael Dudley, who said: "The possession of, or passing off, of counterfeit currency is always regarded as a very serious offence because it strikes at the root of the monetary system."

Father-of-two Boylan, a loader from Fourth Avenue, Brownhills, pleaded guilty to having four of the fake notes. He was told by Judge Dudley: "Because of your plea and the limited number of notes involved I am just able to suspend your sentence." Boylan received a 10-month jail term suspended for two years and was ordered to do 120 hours' unpaid work with £800 costs.

## Church parade

CATHOLICS will take part in a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in Walsall town centre on June 30 to mark the Year of Faith.

The procession, including children from 13 schools, starts at 3pm in Gallery Square and proceeds via Park Street to the Bridge. It will be led by the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Reverend Bernard Longley.

# Teenagers sentenced for towpath attacks

A GANG of youths launched two vicious unprovoked attacks, leaving their victims battered and bruised on a canal towpath.

One of the youths, aged 16 at the time, attacked a cyclist by the Wyrley and Essington Canal near Willenhall Lane in Walsall. The other three, two aged 16 and one aged 14, assaulted a group fishing by the canal.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that both attacks happened last August and that both had left their victims with injuries.

Prosecuting, John Evans said the first was an attack on the 30-year-old cyclist and

saw him kicked and punched by the youth, as well as nine others with him. It was only the approach of another man and his girlfriend that stopped the beating, leaving the victim with a broken jaw.

## Family

The second attack, about two hours later, saw the other three youths approach a group of family and friends who were fishing. The attack saw the three set upon a boy, punching and kicking him. Two of the teens then attacked a second boy, punching him twice

in the face. A woman was also punched in the face as one of the boys, from Wednesbury, waved an imitation handgun.

The youngest youth, from Walsall, had robbed a 16-year-old boy of a mobile phone in February and a second teenager had hit the victim with a bottle. All have previous convictions, many for violence.

One boy, now 17 and who lives in Willenhall, pleaded guilty to assault causing actual bodily harm and a second 17-year-old, who has no fixed address, admitted two assaults causing actual bodily harm. Both were sen-

tenced to a 12-month supervision order with supervision and surveillance and a three-month curfew.

A second boy admitted possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear and two assaults causing actual bodily harm. He was sentenced to a 10-month detention and training order.

The youngest boy, now aged 15, admitted actual bodily harm, assault and robbery. He was sentenced to supervision for 24 months and supervision.

# Abusive church menace given a five-year Asbo

A SERIAL menace who terrorised weddings and funerals in Walsall has been given a five-year anti-social behaviour order.

Gary William Adams, aged 55, disrupted services and meetings at St Matthew's Church and at St Jude's in Chuckery, Walsall Magistrates' Court heard.

The defendant, who failed to turn up at court, has abused passers-by and homeowners in and around the town for the past seven years - including refusing to move from people's front doorways and drives. He has now been barred from entering the grounds and buildings of two churches and ordered not to be abusive to clergy and churchgoers.

The court heard that on one occasion he turned up to St

Michael's Church drunk and started being aggressive to mourners who were arriving at a funeral. On another occasion, Adams, of Pinfold Street, Darlaston, staggered up to the church just before a wedding was due to start.

## Banned

District Judge Michael Morris banned the defendant from King Street, in Darlaston, and Jesson Road, in Highgate. He has also been banned from drinking alcohol in open public places across the West Midlands and was told not to venture onto people's properties.

The court was told Adams was also known for begging and loitering around Walsall and that his actions left people feeling harassed, alarmed and distressed.

Mr Paul Green, prosecuting for Walsall Council, applied for the Asbo after receiving numerous complaints from the churches, homeowners, as well as the public.

Mr Sarbjit Singh Lalli, defending, said Adams suffered from an alcohol problem.

Imposing a five-year Asbo, Mr Morris warned that if the defendant was to breach the order he was likely to face a prison term. He was also ordered to pay £150 towards the prosecution costs.



Menace - Gary Adams

## Firm move boosts jobs

UP to 20 new jobs are being created at an international removal firm after it relocated to a new £900,000 headquarters in Aldridge.

Movecorp has grown from four staff to 70 inside six years prompting the move to new premises in Middlemore Lane West. Staff numbers will rise further to 90 by the end of the year.

It was initially formed in Shenstone and there are plans to invest up to £1m in a new warehouse on another site in Westgate, Aldridge.



Kirsty Bradley with Alfie at Rosedene Dog Rescue Centre ready for the fundraising day

## Rescue centre's fun day

A DOG rescue centre, which is looking after more than 30 dogs, is hoping to raise vital funds from a fun day on Saturday.

Rosedene Dog Rescue Centre in Rushall, will be hosting a barbecue, raffle, tombola, and children's activities as it welcomes the public to its Radley Road site from noon to 3.30pm.

The centre, which looks after unwanted dogs and tries to match them with new owners, is largely reliant on volunteers and needs to raise money to care for the pets and find them new homes.

Volunteer Mark Cotterill, aged 49, of Wednesfield, has been giving up his time to help the centre for the past six years. He said he hoped the event would help raise around £500.

"We need to keep generating money to fund looking after the dogs, such as buying disinfectant, advertising to help rehoming them and to help educate the public about what we do."

"We are managing to rehoming about three or four a week but have a steady flow of dogs coming in."

"At the moment we can home the smaller dogs but we are having problems rehoming larger dogs."

"We think this may be down to the recession."

## NEWS in brief

### Canal festival is a major success

CROWDS of more than 1,000 descended on Pelsall for the village's canal festival as 150 barges took to the water.

The weekend showers failed to dampen the spirits as organisers revealed the festival was more popular than expected.

Colourful barges were lined up along the canal at Pelsall Wood Common, off Nest Common. Anne Smith, Walsall Council's greenspace ranger who helped organise the event, said: "Barges came from all over the Midlands."

### Dogs taken to vet after crash

A NUMBER of dogs had to be taken to the vets after a police car collided with another vehicle in Field Road, Bloxwich, at 10.20am on Saturday.

Two officers in the police car and the driver and passenger of the Kia Sedona, believed to be mother and daughter, were not injured.

West Midlands Police spokesman Peter Edney said the officers had been carrying out a routine patrol.

### Ramblers tackling part of Mytton Way

WALSALL Group of the Ramblers will be heading to Chelmarsh near Bridgnorth for a 10 mile walk on Sunday.

It is a moderate walk from Chelmarsh to Highley along the Jack Mytton Way, returning across open countryside.

Non members are welcome and should contact the walk leaders for further information on 01543 379374.

### Bric-a-brac and barbecue at home

A CARE home in Walsall is holding an open day tomorrow (Friday).

A bric-a-brac sale, barbecue, tombola and homemade cakes will be on offer at Rushall Care Home, in Lichfield Road.

It takes place from 10am until 4pm.

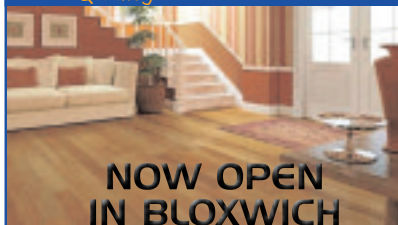
### Neighbourhood Watch to meet

RESIDENTS can raise issues within the community at a meeting of the Palfrey and Caldmore Neighbourhood Watch on Monday.

It takes place at Palfrey Community Association, Milton Street, Palfrey, rom 6pm.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



GREAT understatement of our time: "Those silly things." Term used by former Netherlands prime minister Ruud Lubbers to describe 22 American nuclear bombs still in bunkers on Dutch soil.

WITH a hint of disgust, Jenni Murray complains that young women who succeed in classical music are "the ones who are prepared to go along with the idea that sex sells." Why single out classical music? One of the mysteries of our age, after 40 years of strident feminism, is that men can become rock, pop or classical stars wearing normal clothes but women have to do it in their underwear.

POLISH doctors have set up a practice in London, offering 30-minute appointments seven days a week, until 11pm. The surgery boasts spotless premises, friendly receptionists and has almost 6,000 Brits on its books, even though appointments cost £70 a time. How can such a clinic possibly flourish when our beloved NHS is free? Simple. I have a friend who wanted a short appointment with her doctor at her local GP surgery which is, of course, closed at nights and weekends. She will have to wait 11 days. She is actually relieved because in the past she has had to wait over three weeks for an appointment. What's the point in having a free service if it is so useless? So here's the key question. If a doctor could see you today or tomorrow, at a time to suit you, for a full 30 minutes with the chance of a speedy referral to a specialist, how much would you be prepared to pay? In affluent London, the rate appears to be £70. How long, faced with the dismal service offered by some NHS surgeries, before paid-for surgeries on the Polish pattern spring up across the rest of Britain?

A LADY reader of a certain age sends me a sad letter about her childhood. She recalls the flashers, self-touchers, low-level molesters, knicker-peekers and other assorted dirty old men that she and her childhood friends encountered on an almost daily basis. Behaviour which was considered merely unpleasant or puzzling back then will today land you behind bars and on the sex offenders' register pretty damn quick, and a good thing too.

MORE on BT. Or should that be Moron BT? A reader tells me she has just challenged BT over her 85-year-old mother's phone bill. She discovered her mother had been charged every quarter for the use of a phone which had been disconnected 15 years ago. BT nobly paid up £6.84 compensation.

A BIZARRE case of theft is reported from Middlesbrough where a man visited a goldsmith, asked to see some diamonds and suddenly swallowed them. The thief later handed a bag of excrement to the police but the diamonds have never been recovered. Where can they be? Sherlock Holmes would have known: "Alimentary, my dear Watson."

IN A clerical tiff over gay marriage on Facebook, the Rev Marcus Ramshaw (for) denounces the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby (against) thus: "He does not speak in my name and I think he is a w\*\*\*\*\* but I'm not going to stop being a Christian or a priest." Wise decision. How many other professions allow their minions to call the boss a w\*\*\*\*\* and not get sacked?

THERE'S an interesting little spat about Ramshaw on the right-on Independent website which will not allow contributors to use the word w\*\*\*\*\* in full. One suggests: "Use banker. It's just as insulting."

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Father grabbed worker by the throat

A FATHER who grabbed a worker by the throat and smashed a window of a Willenhall business with an axe has been given a suspended prison sentence.

Ben Mansell had been involved in a dispute about a payment for metal taken to Autobots scrapyard.

The 23-year-old grabbed Phillip Smith by the throat and smashed the window of the firm in Clarks Lane, Walsall Magistrates Court

was told. Mansell of Walker Road, Blakenall, was given a four-and-a-half month prison term, suspended for a year.

He was also ordered to pay £100 compensation to Mr Smith who had been left struggling to breathe. It happened at around 5.30pm on April 25 this year.

Mansell had admitted assault, criminal damage and possession of an offensive weapon at a previous

hearing. Miss Jo Taylor, prosecuting, said there had been a mistake over payment which led to the confrontation. She said Mansell became aggressive and despite attempts to calm him down he continued saying 'give me the money'.

He grabbed the axe which was kept in the van and began waving it around, claiming he would burn the place down, the court heard. Miss Sarb Sehmi, defending, said Mansell

had admitted the charges at the first opportunity. Mansell was sentenced to an 18 week suspended jail term for possession of an offensive weapon and a similar sentence for assault. He was also ordered to serve eight weeks for criminal damage. They were all to run concurrently and suspended for 12 months.

Along with the compensation he was ordered to pay costs of £85 and £80 victim surcharge.

# Two are handed fines for cocaine

MAGISTRATES in Walsall have fined two men who were caught with class A drugs.

Lee Green and Jordan Everitt were caught with crack cocaine and heroin.

Green, of Greeting Crescent, Aldridge was found with the drugs during a search in the town centre on March 11 this year.

The 33-year-old was caught with wraps of heroin and crack cocaine and admitted possession of Class A drugs at Walsall Magistrates Court.

The hearing was told it was for personal use and he was no longer taking illegal substances. He was fined £110, with £85 costs and 20 victim surcharge.

The drugs were ordered to be destroyed.

Everitt, aged 19, of St John's Road, Pleck was also found with crack cocaine, for his own use.

He was fined £73 with £85 costs and £20 victim surcharge.

# Hundreds of pupils are not getting free meals

HUNDREDS of pupils in Walsall could be missing out on free school meals, according to latest figures released.

A total of 4,250 children in Walsall North are eligible for free meals - but 288 of these are not taking up the offer.

Now, David Winnick, MP for Walsall North, is calling for action to make sure children in the borough's poorer families get the help they need.

Walsall Council, who provided the figures, said they are taking steps to try to increase the uptake of free school meals.

Free school meals are given to families where at least one of the parents is receiving certain benefits.

Mr Winnick said: "It is certainly to be hoped that children eligible for free school meals in my constituency will actually receive the meals, since clearly the system is to provide this free."

## Outlined

"It is most important that such meals should be provided, rather than the children perhaps going out and getting chips."

The Children's Society has also launched a campaign to urge local authorities to make sure steps are taken to make sure those entitled to free school meals have them.

In a letter to Mr Winnick, the director of children's services at Walsall Council Rose Collinson said the importance of free school meals was recognised.

# Reshuffle after death

CHANGES have been announced to Walsall Council's decision-making cabinet following the death of Councillor Tom Ansell. Regeneration chief Adrian Andrew will take responsibility for transport, while Councillor Mohammed Arif will take over the environment portfolio.

Councillor Chris Towe will become portfolio holder for resources and will add business support services, previously looked after by Mr Arif, to his finance and personnel responsibilities. It comes after long-serving councillor Ansell died on June 1 after a short illness. Tributes have flooded in to the father-of-two, who served the Aldridge Central and South ward for more than 25 years.

## Chess the thing for anniversary



Chess players - president Roger Edwards, of the English Chess Federation, with Dominic Holmes, aged eight, and Alex Jarvis, 13, with fellow members at St James's Church

CHESS players marked the third anniversary of their club in Walsall, with a celebration attended by distinguished guests.

Roger Edwards, the president of the English Chess Federation, travelled from Stoke-on-Trent for the occasion at Bloxwich Junior Chess Club. Fellow guest Matthew Carr, an arbiter for the Federation, brought a giant electronic board so youngsters could

play a digital game. The celebration took place at St James's Church, Old Lane, where the group meets on Saturday mornings.

Former county champion Ray Dolan, who set up the club with wife Eunice, said: "It was fantastic to get the top man in chess in the country to come and support us." New members are welcome. Email raymond-dolan5@gmail.com, or call 07980 101744.

# Jobless tally shows a fall

THE number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Walsall fell last month.

The total claiming benefits was down 255 to 9,895 in May, 5.9 per cent of the working population. In the West Midlands the total dropped 1,953 to 106,640, or 6.1 per cent.

Nationally unemployment fell by 5,000 to 2.5 million and the numbers claiming Jobseeker's Allowance came down by 8,600 last month to 1.5 million.

A record 29.7 million people are in work after a rise of 24,000 in recent months. The Office for National Statistics figures also showed just over one million over the age of 65 are in work.

# Police handout

POLICE in Aldridge have handed over more than £1,000 for new equipment at a centre in the town.

Officers regularly visit Hothouse which provides a safe place for children and young people to meet and welcomes families. Money from the West Midlands Police Property Act Fund will pay for a new equipment.

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## Union will be work to save health jobs

UNION bosses have pledged to work with managers to save as many jobs as possible after it emerged almost 300 health posts in Walsall are facing the axe over five years.

Unison blamed the Government for the cuts at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, where bosses need to make savings averaging more than £11 million a year.

The equivalent of 293 full-time posts are expected to be lost by the financial year 2017/18, according to a strategy produced by the trust.

Unison has vowed to work with management to save as many jobs as possible.

Tracy Wood, regional organiser for Unison, said: "Industrial relations at Walsall NHS hospital work extremely well and we will work with management to preserve as many jobs in the future as possible. We are saddened the Government has decided to cut funding to the hospital of around £10 million, which will of course affect vital services provided to the residents of Walsall."

## Honour guard for funeral

A VETERAN Black Country councillor and fire authority member was due to be given a guard of honour by West Midlands Fire Service at his funeral, held on what would have been his 76th birthday.

Dudley Councillor George Davies, who represented Cosely across five decades, was also a member of the region's fire authority for a quarter of a century.

The 75-year-old died earlier this month and leaves his wife Joyce, three children, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild. His funeral was taking place at St Chad's Church, Cosely, on Tuesday.

## Profits down

THE Walsall-based foundry group Castings saw turnover and profits slip in the last financial year, after achieving record figures in 2011-12.

But Chairman Brian Cooke said the group was currently seeing an improvement in business with truck demand on the increase in Europe.

Turnover was down three per cent to £122.2 million, profits to £19.2m. Castings employs more than 1,000 at Lichfield Road, Brownhills and Fradley Park, Lichfield.

# Tommy's fight for vaccine picks up pace



Tommy Brown

A CAMPAIGN led by a youngster from Walsall, which aims to pressurise the Government into making the lifesaving Meningitis B vaccine available to all children on the NHS, is gathering pace with hundreds of signatures collected.

Tommy Brown, now aged 19 months, was struck down by meningitis when he was five months old. But he managed to beat the odds after doctors said he only had a five per cent chance of survival.

The youngster had contracted meningococcal septicaemia and doctors were forced to amputate both his lower legs, his right hand and some of the fingers on his left hand.

He became the face of Meningitis UK and Meningitis Trust's Beat it Now campaign when it

launched this month and his parents Julie Tuckley, aged 37, and Dean Brown, 27, are passionate supporters of the campaign for a vaccine to save lives. Mr Brown, of Lister Close, Beechdale, said the national roadshow was still ongoing but the family have already collected hundreds of signatures in Walsall alone.

### Petitions

He said: "We've got petitions in shops and pubs. They are filling up quite fast. We've also been on TV talking about the campaign."

The family launched the campaign and started collecting signatures on a petition at Crown Wharf Shopping Park in Walsall. The campaign and peti-

tion aims to lobby the Government to put the life-saving new Meningitis B vaccine, Bexsero, into the childhood immunisation schedule as soon as possible. Developed by pharmaceutical giant Novartis, Bexsero is the first Meningitis B vaccine to be licensed for use in the UK.

It has been seen as a significant scientific leap forward and studies show it should protect against 73 per cent of Meningitis B strains in the UK.

Tommy also needed skin grafts and has recently been attempting to walk in his new prosthetic legs.

His parents first noticed something was wrong when his temperature rocketed to almost 40C (104F) and shortly afterwards had a purple rash across his body.

# Sob story conman will have to pay his victims

A DOORSTEP conman who tricked 28 victims across the Black Country into handing over thousands of pounds has been ordered by a court to repay his victims.

Gulfam Akhtar called at addresses in Walsall, Sandwell, Birmingham and Wolverhampton, claiming he needed to sell his dead father's car because it reminded his seriously ill mother of her loss. But after handing over deposits and accompanying him to Walsall Manor Hospital, the buyers would discover the trickster had disappeared with their cash. His victims, aged 51 to 79, handed over up to £500 each. The 43-year-old fraudster blamed his crimes on his gambling addiction, saying he needed to pay debts.



Fraudster Gulfam Akhtar

### Recognised

He was brought to justice after being tracked through a Wolverhampton housing estate by a member of the public who recognised him from an appeal in the media. The man relayed Akhtar's movements to police and officers arrived on the scene to arrest him.

Akhtar, from Reedswood Gardens, was ordered to pay £7,070 compensation when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court. He was given an 18-month suspended prison sentence and 12-month supervision order.

Pe Joel Haden, from Bloxwich police station, said: "I am pleased that the man has been ordered to pay his victims back the cash he conned from them. The man manipulated well-meaning members of the public who fell for his sob story."

He was sentenced after pleading guilty to five counts of fraud by false representation at an earlier hearing.

He had also asked for a further 23 to be taken into consideration.

## Market is to stay put until 2015

WALSALL Market will remain in its temporary location for two years in a move backed by traders.

Councillors approved plans for the market to remain at its current pitch until April 2015 at a planning meeting.

The issue of the long-term location of the stalls will be revisited later, as regeneration of the St Matthew's Quarter progresses.

The 800-year-old market moved from its home in Digbeth to The Bridge in 2009 to make way for the multi-million pound regeneration of the town centre's St Matthew's Quarter.

Traders say footfall has increased since the move.

## In peak condition for climbing challenge



Ready to see the dawn rise on Ben Nevis - intrepid trio Lynn Heap, Vicki Garbett and Nicola James are encouraged by Manor House residents Fred Burke, Marge Gorse and Elise Swift

THE only way is up for three intrepid climbers who plan to scale Scotland's highest mountain to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

And the trio have been taking their training very seriously with hikes up the highest Welsh and English peaks - Snowdon and Scafell Pike - already under their belts.

Carer Lynn Heap, Nicola James and

mother-of-three Vicki Garbett are now facing their biggest challenge with the ascent of Ben Nevis this weekend.

They were inspired to raise money following the death of Nicola's grandmother, 90-year-old Violet James, in October. She had been a resident at Manor House Residential Home in Willenhall, where Lynn works.

The home, in Walsall Road, spe-

cialises in caring for dementia sufferers. Nicola, 41, said: "She loved it there and when she passed away I felt I wanted to do something in her memory and raise money for a good cause."

"We start at midnight and should reach the top as the sun begins to rise."

Anyone wanting to donate can do so at the [www.justgiving.co.uk/NickeyJamesWebsite](http://www.justgiving.co.uk/NickeyJamesWebsite).

## NEWS

### in brief

#### An anniversary party at college

WALSALL College is celebrating its 60th birthday on Saturday.

A community open day will be held to give people the chance to share their memories of college life.

The college opened in 1953 and to mark that a 1950s-themed event will run from 10am to 2pm. It will include entertainment, games, a bouncy castle and exhibitions.

Former students will have the chance to record their memories in a video diary. A prize will be awarded to the best-dressed visitor in 1950s clothes. It will also be a chance for prospective students to get information on courses.

#### Student art goes on show at venue

STUDENTS from Sandwell and Walsall colleges are exhibiting their end of year shows at The Public in West Bromwich.

The exhibition will see the culmination of a year's work for the HNC and HND graphics and photography students whose work will be exhibited alongside recognised artists Tracey Emin, Martin Creed, and Jeremy Deller at the gallery.

The exhibition will run until July 14 at the New Street centre and is free to visit.

#### Clinic offering to remove tattoos

ONE of the region's hospitals is offering body hair and tattoo removal.

People can pay privately to use the Birmingham Regional Skin Laser Centre at City Hospital.

The unit run by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust is now able to offer private laser hair removal and tattoo removal to people from across the Midlands.

Patients will be treated by an NHS consultant or nursing team.

#### Diabetes walkers raising over £4k

AROUND 160 people put their best foot forward at a walk for Diabetes UK in Walsall. It took place in the Arboretum and has raised more than £4,000.

The event was officially opened by Mayor of Walsall Councillor Mohammad Nazir, while staff from the Walsall branch of Pure Gym provided a five minute warm up.

The event took place during Diabetes Week.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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A THREE-minute film, funded by the Government, has been made for prospective Polish immigrants warning them that the streets of Britain are not paved with gold.

This charming little movie, entitled *Before You Go*, tells the cautionary tale of a homeless Polish immigrant who is robbed of his money and identification papers.

Then, if that is not enough, the unfortunate Pole is then set alight by a bloke who looks like Pavarotti in a hoodie. Come on, it's happened to us all at some time or other, hasn't it?

The Foreign Office has so far yet to reveal how many Polish immigrants have been set ablaze by operatic doppelgangers, but I would venture to suggest it is fairly small.

Still, at least they didn't hire the Welsh bloke who pops up everywhere singing about car insurance. Now that would be unsuitable.

Perhaps it would be better used by the British Tourist Authority. You know, something along the lines of "Come to Britain, for a blazing time," or maybe "Where a warm welcome is guaranteed".

Or maybe it would be better to keep it simple: "The country where people will set you on fire."

It needs a bit of work, granted, but the potential is there.

AS the row rumbles on about whether a Hungarian act should really have won Britain's Got Talent, it seems that the bigger question about shadow dance act Attraction has been forgotten.

Are they really that good? Yes, what they do is quite clever, and some of the messages they delivered fairly poignant. But is that really the finest emerging talent that this nation can muster?

Back in the 70s, as today, Britain's screens were packed with talent shows, *New Faces*, *Opportunity Knocks*, *Rising Stars*, these low-budget shows were a world away from the polished, multi-million pound productions such as Britain's Got Talent, *X Factor* and *The Voice*.

Yet these simple, ramshackle productions brought us the likes of Les Dawson, Frank Carson, Mary Hopkin, Lenny Henry, Joe Pasquale. Okay, maybe not Joe Pasquale, but you get the drift.

Can you really imagine people still raving over a group of Hungarian shadow dancers 30 or 40 years from now? Or Pudsey the Dancing Dog?

Or more to the point, the girl, whose name escapes me at the moment, who won *The Voice* last year?

Maybe what we need is a spot of rebranding, you know a new name. Something like Britain Used To Have Talent. That should do the trick.



Stall helper Gwen Barnett with David Smart, Yvonne Smart and Cathy Glear



The Midlands Air Ambulance have benefited from the sisters' knitting skills

# Blanket coverage for Air Ambulance

Two sisters use their knitting skills to help the charity.  
**CHARLOTTE LILLEY**  
finds out why they do it

**YVONNE Smart, and Cathy Glear are familiar faces at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital and are a friendly sight for patients and staff who look forward to their visits.**

The sisters run a stall in the entrance of the hospital once a month, selling blankets, baby clothes, scarves, shawls and other garments they have knitted or crocheted.

All the money they raise goes towards Midlands Air Ambulance and since 2009, the two have collected a staggering £37,000.

"Our passion for knitting all began when we were little girls. We would watch Blue Peter on the TV and there would be someone knitting," says Mrs Smart, from Kingswinford.

## Wrap

"Our mother taught us how to do it properly and since then we haven't stopped. Cathy and I have always enjoyed arts and crafts and were always doing something to keep ourselves busy when we were younger.

"But knitting and crochet is what we do best and over the years we have made hundreds of things from blankets to baby clothes.

"At Russells Hall there is a maternity ward and new mothers love to come and see what we are selling for them to wrap their newborn babies in."

Mrs Smart, aged 55, used to work in a shop but now spends as much time as possible knitting garments for family and friends as well as the stall.

Her 59-year-old sister, from Nether-ton, who works as a foster mother, uses any free time she has to teach the craft to the children in her care. Mrs Smart says:



Yvonne Smart, right, with her husband David and her sister, Catherine Glear

"We rarely have any spare time because we are both always really busy, but when we do you can bet that we will be holding a pair of knitting needles."

"It is really simple to learn how to knit and once you've mastered it, it's like riding a bike, you never forget."

"I think knitting is becoming even more popular now and a number of celebrities have also started to take it up, including Geri Halliwell, Russell Crowe and the Duchess of Cambridge."

"It just goes to show that you can be any age and still enjoy it and make a

being able to make something from scratch that will be made of good strong quality and will last for years.

"Just knowing that there is nothing on the high street that looks remotely similar is fantastic."

"My favourite thing to make is scarves and I am about to start making some for Christmas. Scarves aren't too difficult and you can use wild and wacky patterns for a bold effect."

"Cathy has made scarves with little pockets for some of her foster children and we have made lots of pretty things in the past for people's birthdays."

"We have got a fantastic backing from our family and lots of people tell us how wonderful our creations are which is lovely to hear."

Because of the high demand for their products, the sisters are running out of wool and are desperately appealing for more.

## Wool

A team of 23 volunteers helps them to knit and sell their products at the hospital in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance and the two are now also making a plea to the public to donate any unwanted craft items, such as beads, buttons, broken jewellery and unwanted gifts.

"We always need wool and unwanted items so if any members of the public have any to give to us then we would be more than grateful," says Mrs Smart.

"We are truly passionate about the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and really enjoy knitting, so we thought selling our knitted goods was the perfect way to fundraise for the service."

"We support the Air Ambulance because it is a marvellous charity that receives no government funding and relies completely on public support."

"If people could help us to continue to support them by donating that would mean a lot to us."

Anyone wanting to donate wool or find out more about supporting the charity should visit [www.midlandsaairambulance.com](http://www.midlandsaairambulance.com) or call 0800 840 2040.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

HUNDREDS of children were sent home after a strike by cleaners and dinner ladies began to bite in Dudley schools. More than 800 staff hit the picket lines after rumours circulated that their jobs were about to be handed over to private firms.

THE death of a big-hearted Wednesfield ice cream man left government treasury officials with a headache after he left a £50,000 fortune in the bank. Giuseppe Gholoni died aged 77 without having made a will, leaving officials with the task of trying to locate his heirs.

A WORKING men's club which opened its doors in 1895 closed them for the last time after losing a battle against rising costs and falling membership. The Walsall Working Men's Club in Palfrey was known as the "mother club" because it spawned many others.

### 1993...

KITCHEN staff at a Bilston school served up a treat for tennis fans to mark the start of Wimbledon fortnight. Workers at Moseley Park School served up as tennis players and served up dishes such as tennis ball quiche and Centre Court pizza.

A COUNCIL worker from Cradley Heath celebrated winning more than £20,000 on the football pools after his new lucky numbers came up trumps. Dudley Council worker Dave Wesson scooped the prize just a week after changing his numbers.

A WEDNESFIELD couple cried tears of joy after an emotional reunion with their two Filipino sons. Keith and Angelina Mitchell flew back to England with their children having not seen them for two years due to a red tape wrangle.

### 2003...

A HARRY Potter price war broke out across the Black Country after one store owner pledged to sell the new book at half price. Discount book store Works offered Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix for £8.99 at its branches in Walsall, Wolverhampton and Stafford.

YOUNGSTERS in Dudley formed their own football team as part of a community scheme to tackle anti-social behaviour. About 16 youths from the Priory Estate took part in regular coaching sessions run by former Wolves player Dale Rudge.

RUBBISH collection crews in Wolverhampton were called in to work on a Saturday to clear a backlog of unemptied wheellie bins. Hundreds of bins were missed during the first week of the council's new collection system.

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## LETTERS

# Sorry to see school go

IT IS good to finally see the derelict site, once occupied by Redhouse School, being transformed with the construction of much needed housing on Willow Croft in Aldridge.

I cannot however but reflect with sadness at the loss of what I feel was a much-needed school resource within Aldridge.

I remember the good times when for over 40 years Redhouse School was a busy bustling school at the heart of the community.

Whilst there were those in the area who constantly sought to knock – unfairly in my opinion – Redhouse and its pupils, I can only say that my four

children attended the school, went on to Aldridge School and then found jobs after successfully completing their degrees.

Ultimately though, despite every effort, permitted within the rules in place at the time, by some parents, teachers and supporters, the confidence of a significant number of parents and the community was lost. So it was not possible to save the school from closure.

It meant that local children then had to – and continue to have to – travel quite a distance to other schools. This is easy if you are lucky enough to have a car to transport them in, but very

tough on a good number of parents who are reliant on buses.

I don't know the present situation in Aldridge with regard to any shortfall in numbers of nursery and primary school places, although I have heard stories that other schools in area are over subscribed.

For me, I still feel the closure of Redhouse School ripped the heart out of the community and was shortsighted. It is a source of sorrow that more could not be done at the time to prevent it from closing.

**ROY SHEWARD**  
Redhouse Lane  
Aldridge

## Better a delay than ill

WHEN I read the views of the time it took to clean the children's lido (Lido clean up woe, Chronicle Letters, June 13), I could understand that the children were disappointed.

However, surely it was better to wait than the germs to spread throughout the water as it would have done – possibly causing illness for the children.

I'm sure these measures were taken following correct health and safety, otherwise someone else may have reported them.

Either way, the poor worker couldn't win.

I spent many years with my child in the Arboretum. Next time you go, you will have the peace of mind that the water is clean.

**L TOWNLEY**  
via email

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## One way not another

MAY I make use of your letters column to highlight a problem that has arisen in Kings Road, Rushall, part of which, on road safety grounds, has now been made one-way; and to thank my constituents Mr and Mrs Murrell, for taking action to sort the situation out?

They have witnessed parents on the school run, taxis, and even council grass-cutters, driving the wrong way – and in at least one case even reversing against the one-way direction, as if pointing your vehicle in the right direction allows you to ignore a one-way system! This would be laughable if it were not so potentially dangerous in the environs of the primary school, The Radleys.

I joined the Murrells at the Civic Centre last week to explain the problem to council highways and taxi licence enforcement officers, who kindly met us at very short notice and have promised to take action, alongside West Midlands Police, where appropriate. Can I appeal to all users of vehicles, whether they be cars, taxis or council workers or contractors, to respect the law and – even more importantly – to ensure road safety for residents and pupils by using the one-way system in the manner it is intended, before someone gets seriously hurt.

**COUNCILLOR RICHARD WORRALL**  
Rushall-Sheffield Ward

## Quiz at the till

HAS anyone been the victim of the total overkill which happens now when one buys groceries in stores.

I refer to a recent trip to the supermarket to buy a solitary bottle of milk. Unfortunately, I made the fatal mistake of going through the manned till which led to me being quizzed – if I was collecting the tokens for schools, then a query for cash back, did I have a club card, would I like some help packing and, finally, had I got my own bag. All of which took far longer than the actual transaction.

Such questions seem banal in the extreme and also point to the sad fact that the workers are programmed to reel off these questions to anyone and everybody, regardless of what they have bought.

What must it have been like in the old days, eh?

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## NEWS

# Father hopes to run up a big total for hospital



Shane Brotherton and Craig Shein, from Bloxwich, who are to do the Great Midlands Fun Run, to raise money for the neonatal unit at New Cross Hospital. They are pictured with Shane's partner Jill Powell and son Ewan, aged five months, who spent time being cared for in the unit after being born three months premature

**A FATHER** from Bloxwich whose son was born three months prematurely is raising money as a thank you to the hospital that saved his life.

Tiny Ewan Brotherton weighed just 2lbs when he was born at New Cross Hospital in December. He spent seven weeks in the neonatal unit and, five months later, he is fully fit.

Ewan's father Shane completed the Great Midlands Fun Run in Sutton Coldfield. The 29-year-old clocked a time of one hour 16 minutes over the 8.5 mile run, while his cousin Craig Shein, also running for the hospital, finished in one hour 14 minutes.

Mr Brotherton, of Lower Farm, Bloxwich, was full of praise for the hospital staff who helped save his baby son.

He said: "Ewan was born at 27 weeks and the staff at the hospital were amazing. They basically saved his life and we possibly could not thank them enough."

## Pub

"Ewan was in there for the first seven weeks of his life. They did so much for him and us."

Mr Brotherton and Mr Shein, 32, both work at the One Man and His Dog pub in Bloxwich.

The pair have already raised more

than £400 and are aiming to hit the £500 mark for the good cause.

Mr Brotherton said both his partner Jill-Marie Powell, 29, and Ewan were doing well.

"Ewan had some bleeding on the brain and problems with his lungs but he is a happy and healthy child."

"His mum recovered well and we just wanted to do something to show our appreciation for the hospital."

"We are a close family and me and Craig decided to do the run together. We have been training for weeks."

"We're looking at keeping up the running and may attempt a half marathon next year."

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## NEWS

# Expert drivers – like father like son

A FATHER and son from Walsall are celebrating after passing their advanced driving tests within one week of each other.

Paul and Michael Honeghan joined the Walsall Group of Advanced Drivers at the same time. They trained and reached test standard together before passing their tests on the first try.

Marketing and communications specialist, Paul, who used to work for the fire and rescue service, said: "Most of us know someone who has been involved in a road traffic collision.

"Unfortunately, far too many individuals, their families and friends have been touched by one of the more serious, or even fatal, incidents that blight our roads every year."

Paul was aware that most road accidents involve young people and was determined that his eldest son Michael would not become another statistic when he came of age to get behind the wheel.

The two struck a deal after Michael passed his driving test that if he agreed to take the IAM Skills for Life driving course, he would be able to drive the family car. Paul also decided to join the course to support his son and brush-up on more than 20 years driving experience.

Less than a year later the two passed the advanced test and became full members of the Walsall group.

## Safer

Michael said: "Passing the normal driving test was great but with the IAM I learnt so much more about reading the road and looking out for hazards."

"The observers are really friendly and use the good parts of your driving to build on areas that need improving."

"The course has definitely helped me be much safer on the road, my passengers are much more relaxed and don't look tense or nervous anymore."

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Michael Honeghan (Left) and Paul Honeghan being congratulated by Mike Bentley, chairman of the Walsall Group of Advanced Motorists

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## NEWS

# Ale and arty pub hosts a multi-media festival



Carolyn Bayliss and landlord Jason Paddock get ready for the art event at the White Lion pub with art on show

**THERE** will be a mix of art, music and film during a festival held at a Walsall pub.

The Walsall Arts Fest has been organised by artist Carolyn Bayliss and includes a Bafta-winning film.

The event will take place at the White Lion pub in Sandwell Street, Caldmore, on Saturday after six months of preparations.

Support has been generated through

the internet and the event will feature the work of Geoff Thompson and Natasha Carlsh.

The festival will showcase the Bafta-winning film *Brown Paper Bag* along with the nominated Bouncer.

There will also be an art installation art by the organiser that looks at the cosmetics industry. Others who have given their support are Catherine Kaufman who works in soft sculpture and produces life-sized female figures, while Donna Hilton-McAllister will create paintings on the day.

Sculptures will be on show and music will be performed. There will be a barbecue at the event, which runs from noon to midnight. Admission is free. Sponsorship has been received from several local businesses. Carolyn, 49, from Walsall, said: "We want to get local arts off the ground and this is the first one. There are a lot of really good artists involved."

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## NEWS

# Bedroom tax a factor at new affordable homes



Pictured lending a shovel at the start of the housing development in Mossley are, from left, Councillor Louise Harrison and Councillor Adrian Andrew with Carole Wildman and Mark Tranter from Walsall Housing Group

**WORK is under way on more than 50 new homes in the Mossley area of Bloxwich as housing is transformed by social landlord Walsall Housing Group (WHG).**

Construction firm Wilmott Dixon have begun work on WHG's £3.6 million development of 37 homes in Fisher Road.

They are also due to begin construction of another 18 homes for residents

over the age of 55 at Kempthorne Gardens in a £1.6m scheme.

Mark Tranter, head of development at WHG, said: "These schemes form part of a wider Mossley regeneration programme which sees us work with the council and Department for Communities and Local Government on the Big Local Project, which has been allocated £1m over the next three years to build the local community infrastructure.

"As well as the much-needed afford-

able homes, there will be a significant investment by WHG in health and education projects and support for community groups.

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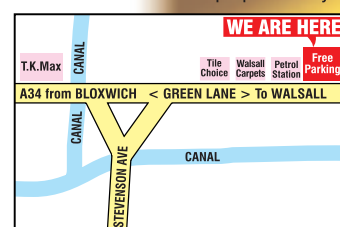
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## NEWS

# Industrial heritage art comes down to the wire



Sculptor Luke Perry at Solid Swivel in Cradley Heath with his inspiring pieces that will depict Darlaston history

**AWARD-WINNING artist Luke Perry** is adding the finishing touches to a series of sculptures paying homage to a Black Country town.

Luke Perry's artworks will be housed inside Grace Academy Darlaston's new £26 million building, when it opens in September.

The eight statues have been inspired by the town's coal-mining and manufacturing heritage and are designed to create an 'inspiring walkway' at the school's entrance.

Mr Perry, aged 30, who founded the non-profit public artworks company

Industrial Heritage Stronghold, said: "I wanted to visually create a pathway to tell the history of the town and also represent the future."

"The sculptures are a narrative that starts with a coal miner in the squatting position, moving through more proud postures, to an oversized figure representing hope and progress in the area."

### Commissioned

The project has been jointly commissioned by the school with Walsall Council.

David Shaw, the school's principal, said: "We commissioned Luke's project because we felt it was really grounded

in the local community and captured the Black Country's history and heritage, as well as having links to the future and the positive impact of education."

"Our students have taken several trips to Luke's studio to see the manufacture of the sculptures in progress and this has been a great inspiration to them."

"We can't wait to welcome our students to the new building that will open its doors for the first time in September."

"It offers a great opportunity for their development and learning, as well as being a great resource for the local community."

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# Cyclists in the saddle to help children's hospice

A PAIR of cyclists for a charity that helps Walsall children are gearing up for a 100-mile trip to raise money to help seriously ill children and their families.

Kevin Harvey and Dr Matt Dugas, who work at Walsall Acorns Children's Hospice, in Digbeth Square, will join around 450 others riders for the Aberdovey Bike Ride tomorrow (Friday).

## Anniversary

They will pedal to the Welsh seaside from the Molineux in Wolverhampton, hoping to help raise more than £5,000 for the charity to mark its 25th anniversary.

Afterwards, they will split from the main group to cycle home again.

Physiotherapist Kevin, aged 38, from Coleshill, said: "Sadly, the need for a hospice is greater than ever now, so we're urging anyone thinking of doing something for charity this year to try something new - raise money and celebrate 25 years with us."

"Acorns relies on fundraising and donations for the majority of its income to provide a network of care across our three hospices."

"It costs £750 per day to care for each child and much of this comes from fundraising events."

Every year the sponsored bike ride raises thousands of pounds for various charities.

The money raised this year will help provide specialist palliative care to life-limited children and for their families.

For more information, call 0845 120 6892 or visit [www.acorns.org.uk](http://www.acorns.org.uk) website.



On their bikes for Acorns Children's Hospice - Kevin Harvey and Dr Matt Dugas

# Call for action at scene of accident

A STREET in Walsall where a driver died after his car left the road has been branded an accident blackspot by residents.

Calls have been made for safety measures along Wednesbury Road, Pleck.

Mohammed Imran Rashid, aged 37, died after his car hit metal fencing and went down an embankment on Wednesday, June 12.

Residents living close to the road said that there had been a series of crashes there in recent years.

Thomas Dudley, of Bescot Crescent, said that on previ-

ous occasions drivers had gone into advertising boards by the railway bridge.

"It is an accident blackspot, that bend is very dangerous," said the 64-year-old. "Since we have been here, in the last five years, this is the third time."

## Stronger

A resident of Wednesbury Road said: "We get a lot of minor crashes but nothing like this has happened before."

Pleck councillor Harbans Sarohi said he was keen to find out if stronger fences

could be put alongside the road. It was revealed earlier this year Wednesbury Road, which links Pleck and Walsall town centre, had been earmarked for £120,000 of improvements following 15 accidents in three years.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, cabinet member for transport, said: "We will certainly have a look at it as we take road safety very seriously."

Police are appealing for witnesses to the crash. Anyone with information should call the collision investigation unit on 101.

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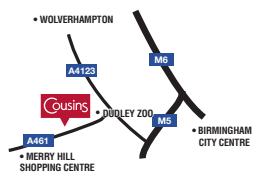
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## Permanent new health centre will serve 3,000

A DOCTORS' surgery for up to 3,000 patients will open in Bloxwich after receiving the go-ahead from planners.

The two-storey building and a pharmacy will be built in Fisher Road and replace a temporary surgery which opened last year.

It comes after the Abbey Square Centre, which previously served the Mossley estate, was forced to move when the lease on the building expired several years ago.

### Contract

Lichfield Street Surgery was awarded the contract by Walsall Primary Care Trust to provide services at Mossley estate. The plans have now been granted permission by Walsall Council under delegated powers.

Councillor Fred Westley said: "I am totally in favour of the new building. We have campaigned to keep facilities in Bloxwich West."

"It will be of benefit for the people of Bloxwich West and they won't need to go to the Pinfold centre."

"It is going to be a lot easier for patients. I am hoping by 2014 it will be up and running."

The new surgery will include GP and nurse consulting rooms, a reception and waiting area, toilets and changing rooms at ground floor level. On the first floor level, there will be a staff room, kitchen, staff meeting rooms and toilets.

# Call for more consultation over disruptive bridge work

**CONTROVERSIAL** plans to replace a bridge next to Bloxwich rail station has led a councillor to call for better consultation.

Councillor Louise Harrison is asking Network Rail to 'come clean' on their proposals for replacing the bridge on Broad Lane and has demanded an urgent meeting with officials from the rail company and council officer.

**Report by Tom Mason**

Councillor Harrison said "I am disgusted at the level of consultation on something that is starting in six months - when in other areas of the borough when the council has replaced bridges there has been months and months of information and consultation."

### Upheaval

"I am demanding an urgent meeting with Network Rail and council officers to ensure that Bloxwich residents do not suffer unnecessarily during this scheme. They have been consulting about the closure of the level crossing for a long time, so why couldn't they tell us about the bridge and the upheaval it will cause."

The project to replace the bridge is due to begin in October and construction will continue for more than a year as part of the electrification of the line through Bloxwich, which will also see closure of the crossing.

The councillor has also called for a temporary footbridge over the railway line during the construction work.

Councillor Harrison added: "I will be launching a petition to ensure that all parties understand what local people want."

"I would urge residents to get in touch with me so that I can pass on concerns to the council and Network Rail."

## Microchip to protect pets

A VET'S practice in Bloxwich is hoping to tackle the surge of dogs and cats being reported missing by microchipping them for free during their annual vaccinations, to coincide with National Microchip Month in June.

White Cross Vets has seen a sharp rise in the number of stray pets being brought into its practices located throughout the UK. For details visit [www.whitecrossvets.co.uk](http://www.whitecrossvets.co.uk)



Project manager Jo Morgan and assistant project manager Ben Farmer pictured as they launch Sp4ce, a new recycling project in Commercial Road, Bloxwich

## Crafty use of business resources

RECYCLED materials donated by businesses have been collected by a new community project in Bloxwich which provides materials to local schools.

Located in the former Thandi offices in Commercial Road, Sp4ce is the brainchild of Jo Morgan from Charlie's Training Academy and Bentley Federation.

The project uses reclaimed materials from 23 local companies including Ikea and Walsall Housing Group to provide schools with items to use in craft and art work, such as large cotton spools and coloured plastic balls.

Mrs Morgan said: "Not only are we reducing harmful waste and having a big environmental impact but we are providing children with resources which are invaluable to their development."

The centres hope to extend its services and offer training to parents and children.

## Police will crack down on trouble at Beechale

POLICE have been granted new powers to begin a crack-down on an anti-social behaviour hotspot in Bloxwich.

Safer Walsall Partnership has secured a six month dispersal order to remove people involved in anti-social behaviour on the Beechdale Estate, after officers record a rise in reported offences.

Since the start of the month police have removing people for 24 hours who have been causing a nuisance and taking under 16s home after 9pm.

Councillor Zahid Ali, Chairman of Safer Walsall Partnership, said: "This will be part of ongoing measures in the area which are supported by a range of agencies."

## Carnival queen awaits big day

ORGANISERS of this year's Bloxwich Carnival have chosen the festival's royalty.

Hairdressing student 18-year-old Louise Richards, who works at Bloxwich McDonald's, is the carnival queen. "I'm really looking forward to the whole experience - although I haven't sorted a dress out yet," she said.

The carnival is due to take place on Saturday, August 3, at King George V Playing Fields.



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## NEWS

# Plan to expand medical centre

A MEDICAL centre which serves almost 12,000 patients in Walsall looks likely to expand with a new operations suite and bigger pharmacy.

Rushall Medical Centre is to create extra space which will ease the pressure that is put on Walsall Manor Hospital, which has been dealing with an increasing number of patients. But plans to include a dentist or optician within the centre on Lichfield Road have been dropped because of the economic climate.

A fresh scheme for a minor operations suite and extension of the retail pharmacy has been put forward to

Walsall Council's planning department for its consideration. It would see a 231 sq metre extension to the existing building.

Philip Goode, agent on behalf of the applicants, said: "Rushall Medical Centre caters for the primary healthcare needs of just under 12,000 patients.

"Government policy favours increasing at a local level the services available to patients in GP surgeries in order to relieve the pressure on the present hospital acute services.

The plans are due to be considered by the council in the coming months.

# Coroner rules ancient coins haul treasure



An oval-shaped ring which would have held a gem



An assortment of coins found in Staffordshire



Parts of a silver cufflink dating back to 1662

A HAUL of Roman coins and medieval accessories discovered in Staffordshire, some dating back more than 2,000 years, have been declared as treasure.

A total of 47 ancient items, including royal family memorabilia cufflinks, were unearthed in five separate locations.

Inquests were held in Cannock last Thursday (June 13), over the finds which include 44 coins, part of a Medieval ring, part of a silver cufflink and an earscoop which doubled up as a toothpick.

South Staffordshire Coroner Andrew Haigh ruled all of the findings were treasure and they will now all be sent off by the British Museum in London to be valued.

## Cufflink

Some 11 Roman coins were found in Wheaton Aston in 2011 by metal detecting enthusiast Peter Lyons. Another 25 silver coins were unearthed in Church Eaton by Gary Austin and his two friends Phil and Chris Edwards.

Parts of a silver cufflink were discovered in Hamstall Ridware, near Rugeley. Teresa Gilmore, finance and liaison officer based at Birmingham Museums, said they would have been produced to celebrate the wedding of Charles II and Catherine of Braganza in 1662.

An oval silver ring engraved with the word Jerusalem, found near Uttoxeter and a medieval silver earscoop and toothpick, found in Mavesyn Ridware, near Rugeley, both date back to the 13th century.

It comes four years after The Staffordshire Hoard, the biggest haul of Anglo-Saxon gold ever found, was unearthed in a field in the village of Hammerwich.

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## NEWS

# Laura on alert as sky's the limit in fundraiser



Veterinary nurse Laura Gibson who will be doing a sky dive to raise money for Alert, the African lion charity

**THE sky's the limit for a veterinary nurse who is preparing for a leap of faith to raise money for an animal charity.**

Brownhills woman Laura Gibson, 28, works at Number 1 Vets in Rugeley and will be jumping from a plane in August to raise cash for the African Lion and Environmental Research Trust, otherwise known as Alert.

Laura said: "Alert is a fantastic charity which helps to rehabilitate lions back into the wild."

"I was a volunteer for the organisation in Zimbabwe in 2010 and while there I was able to walk with cubs and watch lions to get them accustomed to the wilderness and noise."

"It was an amazing experience and I am really keen to go again but for now I have decided to do a skydive to raise money for this worthwhile cause."

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Miss Gibson, originally from Burntwood, but now living in Brownhills, said she had always had a passion for lions after seeing them on TV as a young girl.

She added: "My mum let me watch Born Free when I was young, which was about a couple who lived in Kenya with an adopted lioness and I think my love of lions stems from that."

"As a veterinary nurse I adore all animals but lions are my particular favourite and so for that reason I want to raise as much money as possible for Alert."

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## NEWS

# Restrictions on overseas students is major blow

**A CRACKDOWN on the number of students coming to Britain from overseas is losing the Black Country £5 million to £10m a year, claims a Sandwell MP.**

Adrian Bailey said immigration rules governing the rights of students to be in Britain meant that 500 fewer students a year were coming to the University of Wolverhampton from India and Sri Lanka than the uni, which has bases in Wolverhampton and Walsall, could accommodate.

Foreign students pay around £10,000 a year for their education and also spend money with shops, businesses and landlords while they are here, Mr Bailey told a group of MPs during a debate he organised in the House of Commons.

## Curb

It comes as the Government wants to curb the number of visas issued, in a bid to tackle the people who claim to be coming to study but are actually using that status as a back door into Britain.

The number of students who are coming to the UK from overseas fell by around 40,000 last year.

Mr Bailey, MP for West

by Daniel Wainwright

Bromwich West, said: "Universities are struggling for finance. They recognise that in these hard times they cannot be exempt.

"Recruitment of international students presents an opportunity for them to bring in extra money that unfortunately they cannot get from the Government because of the current financial problems.

"My local university, Wolverhampton, currently recruits 800 international students each year, but it estimates that with a fair and consistent visa process it could take another 500 a year from India and Sri Lanka alone.

"If they contribute £10,000 a year, which is a fairly minimal estimate, that would amount to £5 million more a year going into the local university and, above all, into the Black Country economy."

## YMCA celebrating



Getting ready to celebrate 125 years of the Black Country YMCA group are, front, Dylan Harrison and Rachel Trinh with nursery children and supporters

RESIDENTS are invited to mark the 125th birthday celebrations of the YMCA Black Country Group at an event in West Bromwich on Saturday.

The group has been working in the Black Country since 1888 and the site in Carters Green will be holding a birthday party for the community before it is redeveloped. Activities during the day include cake decorating, emergency services demonstrations and a basketball tournament.

Jon Row, joint chair of YMCA Black Country Group, said: "The journey we have taken over the last 125 years is spectacular. We started back in 1888 on St Michael's Street, West Bromwich. Now we have sites right across the Black Country offering a wide variety of services to the communities we serve. To see how we've grown is inspiring and we want to share this with the people of the Black Country."

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## CLUB NEWS

### Victorian genius is talk topic

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AT the meeting at St Mary's church hall on May 15, Ray Sturdy was the speaker. Brunel - A Victorian Genius talk was accompanied by superb slides.

Brunel's father, Mark, was a great engineer and inventor and had contracts with the Navy. He was knighted by Queen Victoria.

His son, Isambard Kingdom Brunel was inspired and he too wanted to become an engineer and worked as the project manager for his father. From then on he worked on a great scale with his gigantic ships, new railways, bridges and tunnels. These works changed the way of life and many are still in use today.

It was a fascinating story and amazing to think what he achieved in his short life.

The chairman thanked Ray for his excellent talk and presentation.

Graham and Rosalie were thanked for providing coffee during the illness of Keith Jeavons.

The June 19 meeting at St Mary's Church Hall was to be the last one of the season. The AGM will be followed by the New Dimensional Experience Choir led by Mr John Quelch. To end the evening a buffet supper was taking place.

The chairman then concluded the remaining business before introducing the

## Hamper prize just the ticket for raffle winner



Wolverhampton historian Ned Williams was guest speaker at the last meeting

**WALL HEATH E TG**

CHAIRMAN Pat Purcell, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guest for the evening. Joyce Major, federation committee member.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer Elaine Griffiths gave the financial statement for the month.

Walls this month were led by Sheila Tromans to the Bluebell Woods at Saltwells and lunch was taken at the Stewart Crystal Cane cafe.

The craft group were still meeting making various projects.

Names were being taken for the federation lunch, which is to be held at the Mill, Alveley, on July 29.

The National Carol Service will be held in Coventry Cathedral on December 17.

Members held a stall at the Wall Heath Community Centre Spring Fayre on Saturday May 11.

A fashion show will be held on July 11 at the community centre.

The raffle was drawn and the winner was Pat Sutton who won a fruit and vegetable hamper.

The speaker Ned Williams then gave an interesting talk on Brierley Hill, and Pat Purcell gave the vote of thanks.

Wall Heath Guild meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

## Coffee morning raises £156

CHAIRMAN Patricia Jones opened the June meeting. She informed those present that a coffee morning at a member's home following the May meeting had made £156.30 in aid of St Giles Hospice.

The chairman then concluded the remaining business before introducing the

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go to a local primary school to support children who are struggling with their reading.

The next meeting is on July 2 at Walsall Central Hall Methodist Church in the Mellish Room at 7pm. The speaker will be David Bartley with 'An Evening of Black Country Banter'.

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# What's On! Walsall

## Free gigs across the Black Country

A SUMMER of free music has been announced as venues in the Black Country host gigs at venues including Walsall Arboretum and The Public in West Bromwich.

The concerts are free and aim to encourage people to listen to home-grown talent and continue the community spirit left behind by the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee.

A total of 330 free 'big gigs' will be held across England, under Government plans.

The newly-revamped Walsall Arboretum will host a big gig on July 14 from noon to 5pm. It will feature a mix of music from performers including The West Midlands Police Brass Band, Aziz Ibrahim and Chuck Micallef.

Sandwell will host a number of events. On July 12 Thimblemill Library in Smethwick will feature acts including Scott Pawsey and the Midlands Fretted Orchestra.

There will also be drumming, ukulele workshops and cigarbox guitar workshops, while Blackheath Library in Rowley Regis will have workshops, open mic sessions and an act from Birmingham International Jazz Festival.

The Public will showcase classical, rock, Asian and jazz music from 2-10pm on July 13. On the same day, Greenholm Primary School, Great Barr, has a day of rock, steel pans and dhol drumming. A drumming workshop takes place at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery from noon to 4pm on July 13.

# Disastrous farce is really a clever comedy success

**WEST End farce Noises Off has hit the road, just like the bickering, accident-prone theatre company portrayed in this revival of Michael Frayne's backstage comedy, being staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre.**

Noises Off was the most successful show ever staged by London's acclaimed Old Vic. The show is a farce-within-a-

## Not just any old Irons at film concert

BRITISH star of stage and screen Jeremy Irons will be film critic Mark Kermode's guest when the bequipped movie expert holds his 50th birthday concert in Birmingham next month.

Academy Award-winner Irons will share anecdotes with Kermode during the event on July 9 at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, during a programme of film music performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Music will range from Mary Poppins to The Exorcist, conducted by Robert Ziegler. Tickets start from £12.50 to £40. Call 0121 780 4949.

farce about a travelling troupe's attempt to stage an appallingly unfunny farce which turns into a catalogue of disasters and backstage squabbles.

### Chaotic

It is done in three acts, starting with last-minute rehearsals, then a backstage view of the action and the final chaotic performance of Nothing On.

If you liked One Man Two Guvnors, this will be worth catching at the Alex between Monday and Saturday.

In another play within a play, a stage murder turns real in Murder In Play, with ex-EastEnders Dean Gaffney, starting the Summer Rep season at Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday to Saturday.

Before that CBeebies' hit Grandpa in my Pocket will be live at the Grand until this Saturday, June 22.



It's still rock and roll to him - American hitmaker Billy Joel is coming to the LG Arena

## The Piano Man back in action

BILLY Joel will return to the UK for the first time in seven years to perform in late autumn - including a gig at Birmingham LG Arena on November 8, one of only three UK concerts.

Having sold more than 150 million albums worldwide since his 1973 breakthrough Piano Man, Joel is one of the most popular entertainers in the world.

### Hits

His hits include Only The Good Die Young, Just The Way You Are, My Life, It's Still Rock and Roll To Me, Uptown Girl, The River of Dreams and An Innocent Man. The six-time Grammy Award winner has also earned numerous awards and honours including induction into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Tickets start at £60.50. 0844 338 8000.

## Regional comic and music show

A BLACK Country Show is being held this afternoon (Thursday) in Walsall featuring comedian Doug Parker.

He will be joined by double act The Two of Us - husband and wife team Ken and Sheila Wood - and keyboard player James Maddison at Forest Arts Centre, Hawbush Road, Leamore, from 1.30pm. Tickets are £6 and available from Forest Arts Centre, up to 30 minutes before the show, subject to availability. Call 01922 654555.

## Singers perform for autism charity

MUSIC lovers are being invited to a charity concert at Bookmark Bloxwich Theatre to raise money for autism charity 'Kidzlikedanny' on Saturday, July 6.

Acts include Canadian country singer-songwriter Chuck Micallef and Tony Barrett.

Tickets cost £5 for the show which starts at 7 for 7.30pm, available by calling 01922 655900 or visiting Bloxwich Library in Elmore Row.

## Choral sounds at village church

A CONCERT featuring the Stephens Singers is being held on Saturday, June 29, from 7.30pm at the Church of Christ the King in Rushall Square, Lichfield Road, Rushall.

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## CHOICE



Michael Buble

**The Voice UK: The Live Final****BBC1, 7.15pm**

Following six weeks of blind auditions, three battle shows, two knockout rounds and two live programmes, there are now four players left in the game. There's also that recording contract at stake, and the chance to follow 2012 runner-up Bo Bruce into the Top 100 album charts. Here the 2013 hopefuls will perform a solo number, then duet with their coaches. After which, the act with the fewest votes leaves the competition. Plus, there will be a performance by Canadian crooner Michael Buble.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Live Athletics.

**6.05** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**6.20** **Pointless Celebrities.** Soap special, with Laila Morse, Anna Karen, Verity Rushworth, Adele Silva, Sue Jenkins, Alex Fletcher, Wendy Peters and Rula Lenska. (R)

**7.15** **The Voice UK: The Live Final.** The four remaining contestants perform a solo number and then duet with their coaches before The Voice 2013 is announced. Plus, a performance by Michael Buble. Last in the series.

**9.20** **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.** The all-important winning numbers are revealed.

**9.30** **Casualty.** Fletch heads out in the ambulance with Dixie and Jeff for the day, but has a run-in with a gang of teenagers threatening a man as he cowers in his flat.

**10.20** BBC News; Weather.

**10.40** **Match of the Day.** Italy v Brazil and Japan v Mexico. Highlights of the final Confederations Cup Group A matches, held in Salvador and Belo Horizonte, Brazil; National Lottery Update.

**11.30** **Film: Arlington Road** (1999) A man suspects his new neighbours are terrorists, but struggles to convince anyone else that he is not simply being paranoid. Thriller, starring Jeff Bridges.

**1.20** Weatherview. **1.25** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.10** **Film: Higher and Higher.** (1943) **7.35** **Film: Trail Street.** (1947) **9.00** **Film: History of Scotland.** (R) **10.00** **Reel History of Britain.** (R) **10.30** **Life in the Freezer.** (R) **11.30** **Life in the Freezer.** (R) **11.30** **Just a Minute.** (R) **12.00** **Hairy Bikers' Best of British.** (R) **12.45** **Tennis** from Eastbourne. **3.05** **EastEnders.** (R) **5.00** **Flog It!**

**6.00** **Horizon: The Secret Life of the Cat.** An experiment in which 50 domestic cats are tagged with GPS collars and cameras to track and record their every movement, revealing how they act away from their owners. (R)

**7.00** **Horizon: Little Cat Diaries.** The results of the investigation into the behaviour of domestic cats documented in The Secret Life of the Cat, revealing how they act away from their owners. (R)

**7.30** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring sets his sights on Frazer's savings. (R)

**8.00** **The Many Faces of Helen Mirren.** A profile of the actress, who became a household name through her portrayal of DCI Jane Tennison in Prime Suspect and won an Oscar for playing Elizabeth II in The Queen.

**9.00** **Film: Calendar Girls.** (2003) Fact-based comedy, starring Helen Mirren, Julie Walters, Annette Crosbie, Celia Imrie and Penelope Wilton.

**10.45** **Qi XL.** With Brian Blessed, Sean Lock and Ross Noble. (R)

**11.30** **Film: The Mosquito Coast.** (1986) Drama, starring Harrison Ford.

**1.20** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** (TV) News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** Saturday Farm. **12.15** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.20** River Monsters. (R) **2.20** **Film: Columbo: A Matter of Honour.** (1976) **3.55** **Film: The 'Burbis.** (1989) **5.45** Regional Programme; Weather.

**6.00** **ITV News;** Weather. **6.15** **You've Been Framed!** Clips include a skateboarding num. (R)

**6.45** **You've Been Framed!** More comical clips, including a man taking on a big spider. (R)

**7.15** **Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?** Family Special. With Caroline Flack, Joe McEldey and Stephen Mangan.

**8.15** **The Nation's Favourite Dance Moment.** A countdown of the top 20 dance routines chosen by viewers, featuring iconic sequences from films such as Saturday Night Fever and music videos including Michael Jackson's Thriller.

**9.45** **The Americans.** An assassin tries to kill President Reagan.

**10.40** **ITV News;** Weather.

**10.55** **Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day.** (1991) Sci-fi action adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

**1.25** Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British GT. **7.05** The Grid. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Heston's Fantastic Food. (R) **1.40** Royal Ascot: Channel 4 Racing.

**6.00** **Stephen Fry: Gadget Man.**

The actor tries out technology that makes shopping easier and tests an array of kitchen gadgets as he prepares to host a dinner party for Darren Brown, Carol Vorderman and Jo Brand. (R)

**6.30** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.00** **World's Weirdest Weather.** Alex Beresford explores strange weather associated with fire. (R)

**8.00** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows a couple knocking down an old Thames boathouse and building a cutting-edge home in its place – in the middle of a community dominated by traditional houses. (R)

**9.00** **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of the cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.

**10.35** **The Big Dirty List Show: 50 Years of Sex and Music.** The most seductive songs from the past 50 years.

**12.05** **Derren Brown: The Gameshow.** (R) **1.15** **Royal Ascot Highlights.** **1.40** **The Million Pound Drop Live.** (R) **3.10** **Dr Brown.** (R) **3.35** **Hollyoaks.** (R) **5.40** **Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** (R) **5.45** **SuperScrimpers.** (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.20** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.55** ThunderCats. (R) **11.20** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.20** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **1.45** **Film: Rio** Dorado. (1959) **4.30** **Film: El Dorado.** (1966)

**6.55** **The CSI Movie: Revenge.** Feature-length episode. A serial killer appears to be on the loose, while Mac reconnects with his former CSI partner after being stalked by an ex-con. Guest starring Peter Fonda.

**8.20** **NCIS.** Gibbs is held captive by Paloma Reynosa, head of a drug cartel and daughter of the man he killed, and forced to make a decision with wide-reaching consequences. (R)

**9.15** **5 News Weekend.**

**9.20** **Big Brother.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the first eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.

**10.20** **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Al Odudu is joined by experts and psychologists to analyse the behaviour of the housemates during their first full week.

**11.20** **Neighbours: This Week.** Championship Highlights featuring highlights from Ramsay Street over the past week, when Kate discovered ex-lover Mark Brennan is still alive and Steph kidnapped Vanessa's baby.

**12.25** **SuperCasino.** **3.55** **Michael's Wild Challenge.** (R) **4.20** **Make It Big.** (R) **4.50** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.00** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.10** **Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.20** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.25** **The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.40** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.50** **Hana's Helpline.** (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three** **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.30** Match of the Day Live **10.15** Live at the Apollo **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

**BBC Four** **7.00** Britain on Film: Times of Change **7.30** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2013 **9.00** Wollander: Sidelacked **10.15** Kings of Rock 'n' Roll **11.15** Classic Albums

**ITV2** **2.20** **Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home** (1995) **4.15** **You've Been Framed!** **6.15** **Film: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** (1999) **9.00** **Film: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** (2006) **11.05** **Lemon La Vida Loca** **11.55** **Britain's Got More Talent: Most Amazing Moments**

**ITV3** **3.00** **Film: Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest** (1997) **4.55** **Foyles War** **6.55** **Agatha Christie's Poirot** **11.00** **Blue Murder**

**ITV4** **3.50** **British Superbike Championship Highlights** **4.50** **The Motorbike Show** **5.50** **Film: Escape to Victory** (1981) **8.10** **Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach** (1988) **10.00** **Hell on Wheels** **10.55** **Film: Escape from New York** (1981)

**E4** **3.00** **Made in Chelsea** **4.00** **Rules of Engagement** **5.30** **The Mindy Project** **6.00** **The Big Bang Theory** **7.00** **How I Met Your Mother** **7.30** **Happy Endings** **8.00** **How I Met Your Mother** **8.30** **2 Broke Girls** **9.00** **Film: Aeon Flux** (2005) **10.10** **The Inbetweeners** **11.55** **The Big Bang Theory**

**Film4** **2.50** **Ladyhawke** (1985) **5.10** **Coralline** (2009) **7.10** **Detached** (2000) **9.00** **Die Hard** (1988) **11.35** **Dog Soldiers** (2002)

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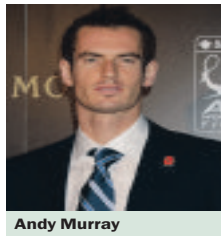


## What's On!

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## SUNDAY'S TV 23.06.13

## CHOICE



Andy Murray

**Andy Murray: The Man Behind the Racquet BBC1, 10.25pm**

Last year was an amazing one for Andy Murray – at the Olympics he won gold in the men's singles and silver in the mixed doubles, reached the Wimbledon's men's final, he also won millions of new fans thanks to his obvious heartbreak at failing to become the first British champion since Fred Perry, and in September became the US Open champion – making him the first male UK Grand Slam winner since 1936. This programme charts Andy's build-up to 2013's Wimbledon. Fingers crossed his efforts aren't in vain.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Perfection. (R) **3.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.45** Lifetime. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** Earthflight. (R) **6.30** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Countryfile. The story of the smugglers who used to operate on Romney Marsh in Kent, and whether bringing super-fast broadband to the northern English countryside is worth the expense; Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. The experts visit RAF Marham in Norfolk, where items include a statue of Buddha and mementos of the architect Pugin, brought in by his great-great-grandson. Last in the series. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations. **9.00** The White Queen. Elizabeth ensures her family's security by marrying off her siblings to the nobility, angering the Neville sisters – so Warwick plots to find husbands for his unhappy daughters. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Andy Murray: The Man Behind the Racquet. A profile of the US Open champion, following the tennis star on and off the court. **11.25** Film: Before Sunrise. (1995) Romantic drama, starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy. **1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.40** Film: Born to Be Bad. (1950) **8.10** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.40** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Live Rowing. **1.30** Wimbledon: Review of 2012. **2.30** Live Athletics. The European Team Championships. **6.15** Flog It! Will Axon and Elizabeth Talbot hunt for antiques in Glaston-on-Sea, Essex, with valuable finds including a stool hidden beneath bad upholstery, and a painting. (R) **7.00** Venus and Serena. A profile of tennis stars the Williams sisters, telling the story of their rise to stardom and following them throughout 2011, which proved to be a demanding year. **8.00** The Secret Life of the Sun. Kate Humble and Helen Czerski investigate the inner workings of the star and look at the influence its cycles of activity have on the Earth now and in the future. **9.00** Rise of the Continents. Iain Stewart examines clues hidden in the landscape to reveal how North and South America were formed from an ancient supercontinent called Pangaea. **10.00** Blackadder II. Edmund is challenged to a drinking contest. (R) **10.30** Mock the Week. (R) **11.00** What a Load of Buzzcocks. (R) **11.30** Film: Glastonbury. (2006) Documentary about the music festival. **1.45** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.40** Holly City. (R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.50** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Film: Agatha Christie's Murder with Mirrors. (1985) **1.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.20** A Touch of Frost. (R) **4.20** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.50** Film: Beethoven's 4th. (2001) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Denise Welch, Ed Byrne and Amir Khan answer questions to win tickets on an arcade-style machine, hoping to scoop £20,000 for their chosen charity. Ben Shepherd hosts. **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. The sleuth helps an old friend find refuge at a country house, but a murderer soon targets the strange building's various inhabitants. With Jim Moir (Vic Reeves) and Fiona Shaw. **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.15** The Talent Show Story. The evolution of TV variety shows from New Faces to Britain's Got Talent. (R) **11.15** Drama Trails. **12.15** The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.00** Monk. (R) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Blenheim Palace Triathlon. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.05** The Simpsons. (R) **1.35** Film: Stormbreaker. (2006) **3.25** Deal or No Deal. **4.25** Hollywood Me. (R) **5.30** Channel 4 News. **6.00** The Political Slot. **6.05** Film: 17 Again. (2009) A man's wish to be a teenager again is granted, but his mature outlook on life puts him at odds with others when he returns to high school. Comedy, with Matthew Perry and Zac Efron. **8.00** Terror in the Skies. Brendan Walker looks at the planes and processes required to maintain aircraft and keep them operating safely, and reveals the problems that can affect planes before they take off. **9.00** The Returned. Julie finds an unlikely saviour as her dark past resurfaces, Camille comes out of hiding with a new identity and Adele finally accepts Simon is back. French supernatural thriller. **10.00** Film: Whiteout. (2009) Premiere. A US marshal in Antarctica investigates a murder, uncovering the dark secret behind a plane crash 50 years earlier. Thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** Film: Hero. (2002) **2.05** Nelson's Navy: Back from the Dead. (R) **3.00** Southland. (R) **3.45** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.45** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** Mio Mao. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Castle Farm. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Thundercats. (R) **11.00** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.30** The Girl with 7 Mums. (R) **12.30** Big Brother. (R) **1.30** BB BOTS: Ryan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **2.30** Film: Arthur and the Invisibles. (2006) **4.20** Film: Wimbledon. (2004) **6.05** Film: Sleepless in Seattle. (1993) A boy tries to find his widowed father a new wife via a radio phone-in show, a plea that moves an engaged reporter to respond. Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. **8.00** Once Upon a Time. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights. **10.00** Film: The Business. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Danny Dyer. **12.05** Bomb Patrol. **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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**BBC Three** **7.00** World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Match of the Day Live **10.00** The Call Centre **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **BBC Four** **7.00** Sacred Music: The Story of Allegri's Miserere **7.30** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2013 **10.00** Angelic Voices: The Choristers of Salisbury Cathedral **11.30** Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop **ITV2** **3.00** Film: Dennis (1993) **4.50** You've Been Framed! **5.25** Film: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **8.15** Film: Liar Liar (1997) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Hell's Kitchen **ITV3** **3.45** Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** World of Sport: Crazy Racing **7.10** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00** Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) **11.10** Film: Child's Play 2 (1990) **E4** **4.35** 90210 **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Film: Hot Shots! (1991) **10.15** World of Sport: Crazy Racing **11.20** Don't Trust the B\*\*\*\* in Apartment 23 **11.50** Alan Carr: Chatty Man **Film4** **2.55** Carry On Doctor (1967) **4.45** Turner & Hooch (1989) **6.40** 27 Dresses (2008) **8.50** Cannes Film Festival 2013 Special **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) **11.25** Joy Ride (2001)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

**Journey to the Center of the Earth, Channel 4, 12.35pm**

An explorer discovers a prehistoric monster-infested world deep beneath Earth's crust and faces a tough ordeal escaping the predatory attacks of the deadly creatures as he tries to guide his team back to safety. Sci-fi adventure based on Jules Verne's novel, starring Pat Boone and James Mason. (1959)

#### TUESDAY

**Forces of Nature, BBC1, 11.45pm**

A harassed publisher faces several unexpected setbacks on the way to his wedding – including a chance encounter with a vivacious woman, who only adds to his confusion as he begins to feel stirrings of love for her. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck. (1999)

#### WEDNESDAY

**The Bad News Bears, Channel 4, 1.45am**

A gruff former minor-league baseball player agrees to coach a team of youngsters. However, he is shocked by how woefully hopeless the would-be sports heroes really are. Gritting his teeth, he vows to do his best, with the help of an old girlfriend's talented daughter and a grim-faced biker. Comedy, starring Walter Matthau and Tatum O'Neal. (1976)



Starship Troopers, Friday, BBC1, 11.25pm

#### THURSDAY

**Honeymoon for One, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A woman learns her fiancé is having an affair, so breaks off the engagement and heads to Ireland on honeymoon by herself. She gets off on the wrong foot with the manager of the estate where she is staying, but they eventually fall for each other. However, her fiancé later arrives looking for a second chance and planning to buy the land. Romantic drama, with Greg Wise. (2011)

#### FRIDAY

**Music and Lyrics, ITV, 10.35pm**

A washed-up pop idol is given the chance to write a song for a teenage star – but despite his musical talents, he has never written a lyric in his life. However, the discovery that the woman who looks after his plants has a way with words marks the start of a beautiful relationship. Comedy, starring Hugh Grant. (2007)

**Starship Troopers, BBC1, 11.25pm**

Courageous military recruits hurl themselves into a desperate war against alien insects set on destroying mankind. They blast off for the creatures' home planet in a last-ditch attempt to save the human race from annihilation. Sci-fi adventure, starring Casper Van Dien and Dina Meyer. (1997)

### Pick of the Week

## A resurgent Murray aims to make history

It's the last week in June, so that can mean only one thing – that's right, the start of Wimbledon fortnight.

It's also, of course, the time when tennis fans eat copious amounts of strawberries and cream while enduring unseasonably bad weather and doing lots of cheering on Henman Hill, just as the light begins to fail...

Once again, Brits everywhere will be keeping their fingers crossed that we'll be celebrating the first home-grown winner of the men's tournament since the mighty Fred Perry lifted the famous trophy for the third and final time in 1936.

Andy Murray has as good a chance as anybody of being crowned champion this year, having come so close in 2012. However, he isn't the kind of character to let the hopes of a nation weigh too heavily on his muscular shoulders.

In the past he's been described as dour and even bad-tempered; but the emotional speech he made after losing to Roger Federer in four nail-biting sets helped to improve his

image, as well as win over a new set of fans.

What Murray also has, which some previous British number ones have lacked, is the will to win at all costs. Having won a Grand Slam (the 2012 US Open) and the gold medal in the men's singles at the Olympics, he now knows what it takes to triumph in major championships – which means he's better equipped to go one step further this time around.

One man who knows a lot about carrying the expectation of an entire country is Tim Henman, who claims he didn't really mind the pressure.

"I never had a problem with it because I never really felt like there was any pressure," says Tiger Tim. "My attitude was that it had been my dream to play at Wimbledon on Centre Court. I played a lot of my best tennis and got a lot of my best results out there."

At the end of the day it's slightly selfish, but I was going on the court to play for myself, I wasn't playing for anybody else and I think that's the right approach to have. I look at the

way that Murray's played and I think he has a similar attitude because he's also played some of his best tennis there.

"There's a psychology to it and you want to make sure you're concentrating on the right things."

Henman also can't wait for this year's tournament, during which he'll be part of the BBC's commentary team once again.

"Even though I don't play any more it's still my favourite time of the year and I love getting involved with the commentary," he explains. "It's the same every time I walk in through the gates at Wimbledon – I still get that special feeling of being at the biggest and best place in tennis and that will never change."

Can Murray do it? Let's hope so. But even if he doesn't, we're still promised a two-week feast of tennis, courtesy of Tim and his colleagues Sue Barker, John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Tracy Austin, Lindsay Davenport, Virginia Wade, Pat Cash, Martina Navratilova and Anne Keothavong.



Andy Murray features in Wimbledon 2013, Monday, BBC2, 5.15pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

**EastEnders**

**BBC1, 8pm**

Lauren might be the one with the debilitating drink problem, but Abi is the one we often end up feeling sorry for – even on her birthday, the poor lass never gets to be the centre of attention. Tanya is supposed to be planning her younger daughter's party when she discovers that Lauren didn't come home following her night out with Peter. Max and Tanya fear the worst, but even when their wayward daughter eventually turns up to Abi's party of her own free will, they can't relax and concentrate on the birthday girl. For a start, Lauren has gone a very funny colour and appears to be on the brink of collapse...

**The Man with the 10-Stone Testicles: A Bodyshock Special Channel 4, 9pm**

We're guessing that a few people had a little chuckle when they saw the title of this documentary. It does sound ridiculous, almost like a joke, but for Wesley Warren Jr, it was anything but funny. The Las Vegas resident accidentally knocked his testicles while turning over in bed one night, causing a sharp pain and swelling which got worse, and worse... Two years later, one of his testicles was larger than a watermelon; Wesley was suffering from a condition doctors named as scrotal elephantiasis or scrotal lymphedema, which are caused by excess fluid building up in the body's tissues. Here, we see what happened when Wesley finally went under the knife.

#### TUESDAY

**Child Genius**

**Channel 4, 9pm**

Could you spell triskaidekaphobia, extemporaneous and ovoviviparous? In fact, do you even know what the words mean? If not, then you probably wouldn't do very well in the competition to find Britain's brightest kids, which this week reaches the spelling bee round. At nine, maths prodigy Chris is the youngest contestant left in the contest, but he isn't sure how he will do when faced with a string of long words. Eleven-year-old Ben is feeling more confident, but perhaps he shouldn't get too relaxed, especially when the opposition includes world under-12s Scrabble champion Shrinidhi.

#### WEDNESDAY

**The Apprentice**

**BBC1, 9pm**

Cast your mind back to the second episode of the current series of The Apprentice, when one team had to pour away a keg of flavoured beer after getting the recipe disastrously wrong. The remaining candidates are going back into the kitchen to create and brand a ready meal to tickle Alan Sugar's taste buds. The task gets off to a shaky start, as some would-be entrepreneurs don't relish the idea of slaving away over a hot stove while their team-mates get to take charge of the branding, and a food fight threatens to break out over two very different ideas.



The Apprentice, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

#### THURSDAY

**Match of the Day Live**

**BBC1, 7.55pm**

Gary Lineker presents the second semi-final of the Confederations Cup, held at the Estadio Castelão in Fortaleza, Brazil, where the winners of Group B take on the Group A runners-up. Arguably the biggest shock of the tournament took place at this stage when the competition was last staged in 2009, with Euro 2008 winners Spain losing 2-0 to the USA. It was one of few setbacks for the Spaniards in recent years, as they went on to lift the World Cup in 2010 and defend their European title last year, and it would be a major surprise if they have not reached this stage once again.

**Eye Spy Channel 4, 10pm**

If we were to tell you that Stephen Fry is narrating this new hidden-camera show about what exactly makes Great Britain so great, many of you would probably agree we'd found one of its gems right there. But this isn't about the presenter; he is keen to turn the spotlight on us, the public, to see whether we can be heroes when faced with a particularly challenging situation, or is

our country, as so many people argue these days 'going to the dogs'? Many of us claim we would always do the 'right' thing in sticky situations, but when set up in stunts that throw up assorted moral dilemmas, is that really the case?

#### FRIDAY

**The Graham Norton Show**

**BBC1, 10.35pm**

Samuel L. Jackson has spent more than two decades confirming his status as one of the coolest men on the planet, thanks to Jurassic Park, The Long Kiss Goodnight, the Star Wars prequels and Avengers Assemble. Sandra Bullock has also become a force to be reckoned with. In 2009 alone she saw The Blind Side (for which she won an Oscar) and The Proposal both earn more than \$300million each. She will be plugging new cop comedy The Heat, while Britain's own Nick Frost promotes The World's End, his latest collaboration with Simon Pegg and director Edgar Wright. There's also music by Jake Bug.

**Glastonbury 2013**

**BBC2, 11pm**

The mother of all gigs is back for the first time since 2011, and there's no shortage of amazing acts lined up to take to the assorted stages. It's not so much a case of 'Get off my land' as 'Get off my cloud'. Yes, the Rolling Stones have finally given in to repeated requests to play the venue, and will finally be taking to the Pyramid Stage on Saturday June 29. First up, however, are Arctic Monkeys, Dizzee Rascal, The Vaccines, Professor Green, Rita Ora, Jake Bugg and Haim.

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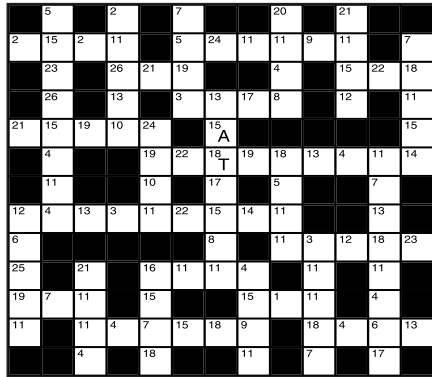
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	C	Y	M	J	S	F	H	U	V	B	D	P	A
2	G	R	N	X	W	L	K	I	Z	T	E	Q	O

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

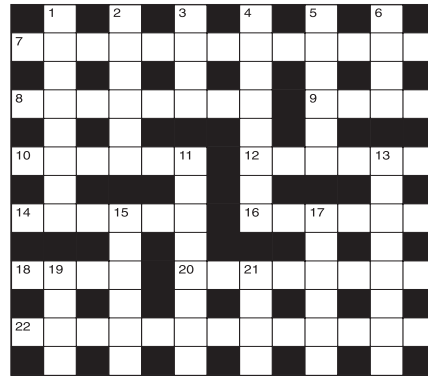
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

7. Putting back in the ice-box? It's terrifying (5-8)
8. They prevent low joints being exposed (8)
9. What one has to do for tax (4)
10. Remained sober, we hear (6)
12. Consumer round the south associated with eggs (6)
14. He originated many current devices (6)
16. There is one on both sides of the capital where services are held (6)
18. Strikes back to prepare for a fight (4)
20. They follow on at the back to show what is coming ahead! (8)
22. Made out to be illustrious (13)

## Down

1. Full of life, but secretly abducted (8)
2. Among those who give the verdict for damage (6)
3. Some of the elder cardinals hold the measure back (4)
4. Men's tips badly used (8)
5. Oars used by the cutter (6)
6. A tough piece of wood giving a negative result, one hears (4)
11. Got in and changed to acting as a benefactor (8)
13. Altered the size of the shot (8)
15. Moves conceitedly - members taking the strain! (6)
17. Harry the underground worker has a short way for traffic! (6)
19. Soft melody - two in fact (4)
21. Lily shows a certain spirit (4)



## Quick Clues:

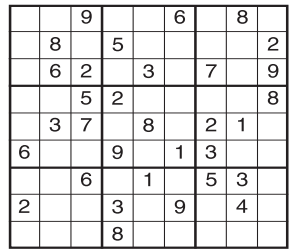
## Across

7. G. Britain and N. Ireland (6,7)
8. Taciturn (8)
9. Competent (4)
10. Mild (6)
12. Deed (6)
14. Roadway (6)
16. Tried (6)
18. Urge forward (4)
20. Way in (8)
22. Religious organisation (9,4)

## Down

1. Concern (8)
2. Severe (6)
3. Lazy (4)
4. Divert (8)
5. Horrified (6)
6. Labour (4)
11. Petition (8)
13. Conquer (8)
15. Salad-plant (6)
17. Sailor (6)
19. Spoken (4)
21. Jog (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

1	4	3	2	5	6	7	8	9
2	6	1	3	2	8	5	9	4
3	9	5	7	1	4	6	8	2
4	2	4	6	3	9	8	1	7
5	8	1	3	2	7	5	9	4
6	7	3	8	4	1	3	2	5
7	2	3	6	1	8	3	4	7
8	1	4	8	9	5	7	2	6
9	3	7	4	6	2	1	5	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Draw; 8 Expatriate; 9 Shipmate; 10 Back; 12 Carass; 14 Minute; 15 Agreed; 17 Castle; 18 Gear; 19 Spillies; 21 Flower-beds; 22 Town. Down: 2 Right-angle; 3 Weep; 4 Appals; 5 Stream; 6 Disbands; 7 Deck; 11 Cattle-show; 13 Eyebrows; 16 Desert; 17 Crowed; 18 Gift; 20 Last. QUICK - Across: 1 Scab; 8 Leadership; 9 Isotherm; 10 Even; 12 Ascend; 14 Temper; 15 Leased; 17 Oddity; 18 Stye; 19 Mediocre; 21 Amalgamate; 22 Need. Down: 2 Consistent; 3 Blot; 4 Patent; 5 Permit; 6 Esteemed; 7 Spin; 11 Electorate; 13 Easterly; 16 Demean; 17 Ordeal; 18 Snap; 20 Open.



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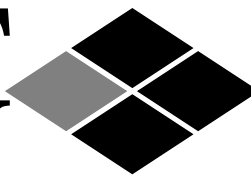
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◆ Ground and first floor flats  
(as one lot)  
◆ Ideal buy to let  
◆ Gas central heating (not tested)  
◆ Predominantly double glazed  
◆ EPC RATING: 56 & 61



**LOT 8** GUIDE PRICE  
\$65,000  
**57 & 59 HAZEL  
GROVE, WOMBOURNE**  
FREEHOLD WITH  
VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Ground and first floor flats  
(As One Lot)  
◆ Ideal buy to let  
◆ Gas central heating (Not Tested)  
◆ Predominantly double glazed  
◆ EPC RATING: 61 & 54



**LOT 9** GUIDE PRICE  
\$80,000  
**FLATS 1 & 2, 10 CROSS  
STREET, BRIDGTOWN**  
FREEHOLD WITH  
INVESTMENT  
◆ Two no. One bedroomed flats  
◆ Fully double glazed  
◆ Gas central heating (Not Tested)  
◆ Currently let and producing  
\$8,820 per annum  
◆ EPC RATING: 68 & 71



**LOT 10** GUIDE PRICE  
\$50,000  
**52 BURNTWOOD ROAD,  
NORTON CANES**  
FREEHOLD WITH  
VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ Semi detached house  
◆ Popular residential area  
◆ Requiring repair and refurbishment  
◆ Part double glazed  
◆ Benefiting from off road parking and  
garage  
◆ EPC RATING: 20



**LOT 11** GUIDE PRICE  
\$200,000  
**EVERALL HOUSE, 80-82 PRINCESS  
STREET, CHASE TERRACE**  
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL  
INVESTMENT  
◆ Currently producing \$2,000 per annum  
◆ Capable of producing \$30,000 per annum when fully let  
◆ Substantial detached property arranged as seven  
residential units  
◆ Good sized site providing off road parking  
◆ Electric heating recently installed  
◆ EPC RATING: FLAT 1 - 36, FLAT 2A - 26, FLAT 2B - TBC;  
FLAT 2C - 53, FLAT 3 - 66, FLAT 4 - 44, FLAT 5 - 40



**LOT 12** GUIDE PRICE  
\$50,000-\$55,000  
**538 STAFFORD  
ROAD, CANNOCK**  
LEASEHOLD WITH  
VACANT POSSESSION  
◆ First floor flat  
◆ One bedroom  
◆ Ideal Buy to Let  
◆ Electric night storage heating  
◆ EPC RATING: TBC



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## Detached dormer bungalow



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The property in Poplar Road has a lounge, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, dining room, driveway and garage, double glazing, gas central heating and rear garden.

On the ground floor the kitchen, 12ft

2in by 7ft 11in, has a range of wall and base units, work surfaces, stainless steel sink drainer, built-in electric double oven, gas hob with extractor over, integrated dishwasher, space and plumbing for washing machine and space for fridge.

### Lounge

The lounge, 17ft 5in by 10ft 3in, has a feature fireplace with gas fire while the dining room is 13ft 3in by 9ft 9in,

the downstairs bedroom 10ft by 8ft 6in and with a bathroom with WC, pedestal wash hand basin and panelled bath with shower over and screen.

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Lot 2 9 Chiswell Road, Winson Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 3 Kings Lodge, 143 Kingsstanding Road, Kingsstanding, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 4 65 Thornthwaite Close, Rednal, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 5 7 Chamberlain Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 6 6 Victoria Avenue, Halesowen, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 7 Land off Groveley Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham	Land
Lot 8 Land Adj. 292 Oldknow Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Land
Lot 9 94 Haslucks Green Road, Shirley, Solihull	Residential Vacant
Lot 10 771 - 787 Chester Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant / Development Opportunity
Lot 11 Livingstone House, 50 Livingstone Road, Handsworth Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 12 61 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove	Residential Vacant
Lot 13 63 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove	Residential Vacant
Lot 14 3 Pikehelve Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant
Lot 15 99 Oldknow Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 16 55 Albert Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 17 2 Drummery Lane, Wrookwardine, Telford	Residential Investment
Lot 18 49 Fiery Hill Road, Barnt Green	Residential Vacant
Lot 19 Land at 37 Factory Road / 31 Furnace Parade, Tipton	Land
Lot 20 47 Skidmore Avenue, Bradmore, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 21 1 - 3 Bridgnorth Road, Compton, Wolverhampton	Commercial Investment
Lot 22 78 Shirley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 23 32 Fisher Road, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 24 55 - 57 Old Hinckley Road, Nuneaton	Ground Rent
Lot 25 Land R/O 13 - 27 Ebrington Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands	Land
Lot 26 Apartment 68 Rivendell, 1051 - 1071 Stratford Road, Hall Green Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 27 69 Wimperis Way, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Investment
Lot 28 255 Malmesbury Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 29 Lane & Building at Peartree Lane, Dudley	Land
Lot 30 40 Millbrook Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	Residential Vacant
Lot 31 1 Holly Park Industrial Estate, Erdington, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 32 Land at Lath Lane off Spon Lane, West Bromwich West Midlands	Commercial Investment
Lot 33 3 - 5 Liverpool Road, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Vacant
Lot 34 96 Bull Lane, Brindley Ford, Stoke on Trent	Residential Vacant
Lot 35 57 Heathfield Road, Smethwick, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 36 1 - 3 Roebuck Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands	Commercial Investment
Lot 37 3 Beech Street, Highley, Bridgnorth	Residential Vacant
Lot 38 130 Pershore Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	Residential Vacant/Development Opportunity

Lot 39 Corner of Rooker Avenue, Wolverhampton	Commercial Vacant
Lot 40 Land at Henwood Lane, Catherine de Barnes, Solihull	Land
Lot 41 147 - 151 Dollman Street, Nechells, Birmingham	Commercial Part Vacant / Part Investment
Lot 42 The Cleveland Arms, Shrewsbury Road, High Ercall, Shropshire	Commercial Vacant
Lot 43 64 Beckett Street, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 44 33 Kenelm Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 45 81 Kenelm Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 46 11 Hillcrest Avenue, Low Hill, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 47 17 Sheringham Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 48 162 Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 49 40 Roydon Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 50 Block E5 Waterfront East Level Street, Brierley Hill	Commercial Investment
Lot 51 The Phoenix Club, Pound Road, Druids Heath	Commercial Vacant/Development Opportunity
Lot 52 6 Beaconsfield Avenue, Parkfields, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 53 138 Marsh Lane, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 54 24 Hart Road, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 55 Land at Bredon Cross Wharf, Pershore Road, Kings Norton	Birmingham Commercial Investment
Lot 56 48 - 52 Roundwell Street, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Investment
Lot 57 54 - 56 Roundwell Street, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Investment
Lot 58 18 / 20 Battelfield Hill, Wombourne, Wolverhampton	Residential Part Vacant / Part Investment
Lot 59 113 Ladypool Road & 180 - 182 Ombersley Road, Sparkbrook Birmingham	Commercial Vacant/Development Opportunity
Lot 60 2 Park Gate Mews, Newhall Street, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 61 4 Park Gate Mews, Newhall Street, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 62 7 Park Gate Mews, Newhall Street, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 63 95 High Green, Cannock	Commercial Investment
Lot 64 28 Giebe Farm Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 65 59 Mill Street, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 66 The Kings Head, 15 Mill Street, Brierley Hill	Commercial Investment
Lot 67 62 Lynton Avenue, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 68 50 Limetrees Close, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough	Residential Investment
Lot 69 54 Limetrees Close, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough	Residential Investment
Lot 70 134 Middlemore Industrial Estate, Smethwick, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant
Lot 71 136 Middlemore Industrial Estate, Smethwick, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant
Lot 72 181 High Street, Brownhills	Commercial Vacant
Lot 73 168 Grange Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 74 423 Birmingham Road, Walsall	Residential Vacant

Lot 75 31 Hampden Street, South Bank, Middlesbrough	Residential Investment
Lot 76 27 Edward Street, South Bank, Middlesbrough	Residential Investment
Lot 77 2 Northcote Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 78 1 Knowle Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham	Development / Redevelopment Opportunity
Lot 79 157 Quinton Road West, Quinton, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 80 163 Bank Street, Brierley Hill	Commercial Vacant
Lot 81 19 Havacre Lane, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 82 258 West Bromwich Road, Oldbury, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
Lot 83 148 Cannock Road, Chadsow, Cannock	Commercial/Residential Vacant
Lot 84 236 Church Lane, Wolverhampton	Commercial Vacant
Lot 85 20 Woodland Grove, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 86 6 Scott Close, West Bromwich, West Midlands	Residential Investment
Lot 87 10 Scott Close, West Bromwich, West Midlands	Residential Investment
Lot 88 45 Wolverhampton Road, Dudley	Commercial Investment
Lot 89 373 Coventry Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 90 85 Linwood Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 91 East View, 197 Birmingham Road, Norton, Bromsgrove	Residential Vacant
Lot 92 102 Woden Road East, Wednesbury	Residential Vacant
Lot 93 6 Willoughby Court, Springfield Road, Walmley	Residential Vacant
Lot 94 Flat 8 Queenswood House, Brandwood Road, Kings Heath Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 95 2 Fifth Avenue, Bordesley Green, Birmingham	Residential Investment
Lot 96 169 Antrobus Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 97 163 Greenpark Road, Dudley	Residential Vacant
Lot 98 20 Brierley, Beacon View Road, West Bromwich West Midlands	Residential Investment
Lot 99 49 Brierley, Beacon View Road, West Bromwich West Midlands	Residential Investment
Lot 100 146 Witton Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
Lot 101 3 Partridge Avenue, Darlaston	Residential Vacant
Lot 102 6 Croxden Avenue, Bloxwich	Residential Vacant
Lot 103 6 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 104 7 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 105 8 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 106 9 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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**Bloxwich  
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**Bloxwich  
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● Off Road Parking ● Rear Garden

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**Bloxwich  
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● Four Bedroom Detached  
● Large Lounge ● Breakfast Kitchen  
● Dining Room ● Rear Lobby/Utility  
● Family Bathroom with Walk-In Shower  
● Gardens ● Integral Garage & Driveway

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**Willenhall  
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● Lounge ● Kitchen/Diner  
● Family Bathroom ● Gardens  
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● Driveway & Off Road Parking ● Garage

£159,950



**Walsall  
New Forest Road**  
● Three Bedroom Detached  
● Lounge ● Open Plan Kitchen/Diner  
● Conservatory ● Family Bathroom  
● En-Suite Shower Room ● Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £155,000



**Bloxwich  
Astbury Close**  
● Extended Three Bedroom End-Terrace  
● Large Lounge ● Extended Kitchen/Diner  
● Study ● Family Bathroom ● Conservatory  
● En-Suite Shower Room ● Rear Garden  
● Gardens & Off Road Parking

£154,950



**Willenhall  
Pattenham Close**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen ● En-Suite  
● Family Bathroom ● Front & Rear Gardens  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Allocated Parking

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**Bloxwich  
Goscoe Lane**  
● Extended Three Bedroom Detached  
● Two Reception Rooms ● Breakfast Room  
● Kitchen with Pantry/Larder  
● Study ● Bathroom ● Gardens  
● Garage & Ample Off Road Parking

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**Willenhall  
John Riley Drive**  
● Three Bedroom Detached  
● Lounge ● Family Bathroom  
● Fitted Kitchen  
● D.Glazing & Gas Heating ● Driveway  
● Integral Garage ● Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £136,995



**Walsall  
Harness Close**  
● Three Bedroom Link-Detached  
● Lounge ● Kitchen/Diner  
● Family Bathroom  
● Front & Rear Gardens  
● Garage & Driveway ● NO CHAIN

Offers in excess of £135,000



**Walsall  
Naunton Road**  
● Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Extended Fully Equipped Kitchen  
● Family Bathroom ● Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £134,950



**Bloxwich  
Astbury Close**  
● Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Immaculate Viewing Essential  
● Fitted Kitchen ● Rear Garden  
● Lounge ● Conservatory ● Driveway  
● Bathroom with Shower over Bath

In the Region of £129,950



**Bloxwich  
Astbury Close**  
● Two Bedroom Link Semi-Detached  
● Refurbished ● Central Heating/D.Glazing  
● New Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom  
● Modern Front & Rear Gardens  
● Garage & Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £125,000



**Walsall  
Wolverhampton Street**  
● Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment  
● Open Living Area ● Family Bathroom  
● Kitchen with Integrated Appliances  
● Double Glazing & Electric Heating  
● Secure Allocated Parking

Offers in excess of £120,000



**Walsall  
Ely Place**  
● Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Two Reception Rooms ● Fitted Kitchen  
● New Fitted Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Gardens ● Garage & Off Road Parking

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**Bloxwich  
Blakenall Lane**  
● Extended Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Porch ● Through Lounge/Dining Room  
● Fitted Kitchen ● Shower Room  
● Utility ● Family Bathroom ● Rear Garden  
● Gated Off Road Parking

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**Willenhall  
Lichfield Road**  
● Two Bedroom End-Terrace  
● Fitted Kitchen ● Family Bathroom  
● Lounge/Dining Room  
● Rear Garden ● Off Road Parking  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £114,995



**Walsall  
Raymond Close**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Fitted Kitchen ● Dining Room  
● Extended Kitchen ● Family Bathroom  
● Separate W.C. ● Garage ● Driveway  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

£112,500



**Willenhall  
Squires Grove**  
● Two Bedroom Coach House Apartment  
● Large Lounge/Dining Room  
● Fitted Kitchen with Breakfast Bar  
● Converted Garage ● Allocated Parking  
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £110,500



**Walsall  
Bloxwich Road**  
● Three Bedroom Traditional Semi  
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen & Veranda ● Family Bathroom  
● Extensive Rear Garden ● No Upward

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**Bloxwich  
Harden Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Porch ● Fitted Kitchen ● Lounge ● Bathroom  
● Newly Fitted Bathroom with  
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Front & Rear Gardens ● NO CHAIN

In the Region of £104,950



**Rushall  
Stanier Close**  
● Ideal for First Time Buyer  
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Fitted Kitchen ● Lounge/Diner  
● Bathroom ● D.Glazing ● Electric Heating  
● Gardens ● Allocated Parking Spaces

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**Bloxwich  
Margam Crescent**  
● Three Bedroom Terrace  
● Lounge ● Kitchen/Diner with Patio Doors  
● Family Bathroom shower over bath  
● Front & Rear Gardens ● Central Heating  
● Double Glazing including Patio Doors

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**Walsall  
Hadley Way**  
● Three Bedroom End-Terrace  
● Large Dining Room ● Lounge  
● Fitted Kitchen ● Utility Room/Study  
● Family Bathroom ● Gardens  
● Detached Garage to the Rear

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**Willenhall  
Haley Street**  
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Lounge ● Kitchen/Diner ● Bathroom  
● Verandah/Utility ● En-Suite W.C.  
● Rear Garden with Patio  
● Off Road Parking for Two Cars

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**Bloxwich  
Bagnall Street**  
● Three Bedroom Terrace  
● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Guest W.C.  
● Bathroom ● Conservatory  
● Investment Opportunity  
● Secure Allocated Parking  
● Block Paved Driveway

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**Bloxwich  
Dryden Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Porch ● Fitted Kitchen  
● Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Front & Rear Gardens ● Driveway  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £85,000



**Walsall  
Lewis Street**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Downstairs Bathroom  
● Double Glazing ● Central Heating  
● Rear Garden and Courtyard

Offers in excess of £80,000



**Bloxwich  
Booth Street**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge ● Kitchen  
● Cloakroom W.C. ● Shower Room  
● Front & Rear Gardens  
● Off Road Parking

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**Bloxwich  
Newhome Way**  
● Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment  
● Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen  
● Family Bathroom with Shower  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Secure Communal

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**Willenhall  
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● Communal Grounds  
● Secure Allocated Parking

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**Bloxwich  
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● Fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom  
● Shared Communal Gardens  
● Off Road Parking

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**Rushall  
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<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>SOMERFORD CL, CHESLYN HAY</b> Well Presented & Spacious Four Bed Semi Having Porch, Spacious Hallway, Lounge, Ground Floor W.C., Kitchen/Diner, Modern Refitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage, Store Area & Block Paved Driveway. <b>£160,000</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>DARVEL RD, WILLENHALL</b> Immaculately Presented Three Bed Link Detached Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Stylish Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Tandem Garage, Carport, Driveway & Landscaped Gardens. Must View To Appreciate. <b>£149,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>DOVEDALE AVE, WILLENHALL</b> Immaculately Presented Three Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Modern Refitted Kitchen With Integrated Appliances, Conservatory, Refitted Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And Block Paved Driveway. MUST BE VIEWED. <b>£144,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>ALBION RD, W-HALL</b> Large Four Bed Victorian End-Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen With Integrated Appliances, Four Double Bedrooms, Master With En-Suite, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. <b>£142,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>WILLENHALL STREET, DARLASTON</b> Well Presented Four Bedroom Extended Semi, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Utility Area, W.C., Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved Driveway, Garage. <b>£134,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>SWEET BRIAR LANE, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Three Bed Semi Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Spacious Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage And Driveway. <b>£134,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>PEACH ROAD, WILLENHALL</b> Immaculate Two Bed Semi, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Family Bathroom, Integral Garage, UPVC Double Glazing, Central Heating, Front And Rear. Garden Must View! Canal Access. <b>£129,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>FARBROOK WAY, WILLENHALL</b> Three Bed Semi On The Popular Summer Hayes Estate Having Entrance Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, Majority UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. <b>£129,995</b>
<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>OAK ROAD, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Three Bed Traditional Semi Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner/Sitting Room, Family Bathroom, Part Double Glazing, Central Heating, Garage And Off Road Parking. Sought After Location. NO CHAIN <b>£124,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>BENTLEY LANE, WILLENHALL</b> Modern Refurbished Three Bed Semi Having Lounge, Stylish Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Part Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Detached Garage And Landscaped Garden. MUST VIEW. <b>£124,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>ANDREW DRIVE, SHORT HEATH</b> Well Presented Two Bed Semi Detached Bungalow Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Detached Garage And Tarmacadam Driveway. <b>£124,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>SANDRINGHAM AVE, WILLENHALL</b> Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hallway, Through Lounge/Diner, Extended Fitted Kitchen, Refitted Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. <b>£124,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>ST CHADS ROAD, BILSTON</b> Extended Two Bed Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Dining/Utility Area, Wet Room, C/Heating, Majority D/Glazing, Off Road Parking, Front And Rear Gardens. Ideal Investment. NO CHAIN. <b>£112,500</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>PINFOLD ST EXTENSION, DARLASTON</b> Victorian Two Bed Semi Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor W.C., Two Double Bedrooms, Modern Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Generous Rear Garden. <b>£109,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>BLOXWICH RD, LEAMORE</b> Spacious Two Bed Semi Detached Having Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms With Fitted Wardrobes, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Off Road Parking. <b>£104,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>DIBBLE CL, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid Town-House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Spacious Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Separate W.C., Modern Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden. <b>£95,000</b>
<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>MORRIS AVE, BENTLEY</b> Three Bed Semi Detached Property Having Entrance Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Generous Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking. Ideal FTB Or Buy To Let. <b>£94,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>COLTHAM RD, SHORT HEATH</b> Fully Refurbished Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Lounge, Spacious Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility, Ground Floor W.C., Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing & Gas C/Heating. GREAT FTB <b>£92,500</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>REGENT ST, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Two Bed End Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Cul-De-Sac Location. IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. <b>£84,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>BLOXWICH RD SOUTH, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Two Bedroom End Town House, Having Porch, Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing And Electric Storage Heaters. IDEAL FTB Or BTL <b>£79,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>LICHFIELD ROAD, NEW INVENTION</b> Two Bed Mid Terrace Property In Need Of Some Upgrading. The Property Briefly Comprises Of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms C/Heating, Walled Garden To The Rear And A Landscaped Garden To The Rear. Great First Time Buy Or Buy To Let <b>£79,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>VICTORIA ST, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Three Bed Victorian Mid Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen With Utility Area, Two Double Bedrooms, Modern Family Bathroom, C/Heating D/Glazing. <b>£78,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>DEVON ROAD, WILLENHALL</b> Spacious First Floor Two Bedroom Flat Comprising Of Lounge, Fully Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC Double Glazing, Central Heating, Communal Garden And Secure Parking. <b>£74,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>PINFOLD ST, DARLASTON</b> One Bed Ground Floor Flat Having Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Fitted Bathroom With Walk In Shower/Bath, C/Heating And D/Glazing. <b>£59,995</b>
<b>TO LET</b>  <b>SANDLAND ROAD, NEW INVENTION</b> Spacious Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property Comprising Of Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, Ground Floor W.C., Bathroom, C/Heating & D/Glazing, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway. <b>£550 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>TEMPLE RD, WILLENHALL</b> Three Bed Mid Terraced House Having Two Reception Rooms, Large Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor W.C., Three Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating & Enclosed Rear Garden. <b>£525 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>DOVEDALE AVE, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Three Bed Semi Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Room/Play Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden. <b>£525 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>RUGELEY AVE, NEW INVENTION</b> Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Entrance Hallway, Through Lounge, Extended Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Enclosed Rear Garden. <b>£500 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>KEYSMITH CLOSE, WILLENHALL</b> Modern Two Bed Ground Floor Apartment Comprising Of Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen With Integrated Appliances, Two Good Sized Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom With Separate Shower Cubicle, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Parking. <b>£500 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>HARDEN ROAD, WALSALL</b> Well Presented Spacious Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Ground Floor W.C., Family Bathroom With Separate W.C., C/Heating And Majority D/Glazing. <b>£495 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>VICTORIA ST, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Two Bedroom Terrace Comprising Of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Modern Fitted Bathroom, Two Spacious Bedrooms, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden. <b>£475 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>MARKET PL, WILLENHALL</b> Recently Refurbished Two Bed First Floor Flat Located In Willenhall Town Centre Comprising Of Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen Diner, Bathroom, Two Good Sized Bedrooms, D/Glazing, Electric Heating. Must View! <b>£375 PCM</b>

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## FEATURED PROPERTY



**COPPICE FARM  
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- Superb Well Appointed Modern Detached Residence • No Chain
- Four Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Family Bathroom • En-Suite Shower Room
- Lounge • Dining Room • Re-Fitted Kitchen • Utility • WC
- Garage & Block Paved Driveway • Pleasant Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing • Energy Rating 'D'

£215,000

## MANAGER'S CHOICE



**WILLENHALL  
LITTLE ISLAND DRIVE**

- Superb Well Appointed Three Storey Recently Built Semi Detached
- Lounge with Juliet Balcony • Excellent Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedroom, Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing • Energy Rating C
- Garage & Driveway • Delightful Rear Gardens

£157,000

## PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



**WILLENHALL  
OAK ROAD**

- Traditional Semi Detached Property • No Upward Chain
- Lounge & Dining Room • Spacious Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy Rating 'F'
- Large Rear Gardens • Garage & Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing

£124,995

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**NEW**

**WILLENHALL  
HIGHGROVE CLOSE**

- Modern style detached residence
- Flexible accommodation • Four bedrooms
- UPVC d/glazing & gas c/heating • Fitted kitchen
- Superior utility • Off road parking & detached garage
- No upward chain • Energy rating 'D'

**OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £174,000**

**NEW**

**COPPICE FARM  
COPPICE FARM WAY**

- Exceptional Semi Detached Residence
- No Chain
- Energy Rating TBC
- Five Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- Five Bedrooms • Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing

£245,000

**NEW**

**WILLENHALL  
HOWE CRESCENT**

- Improved Well Presented Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Lounge • Conservatory
- Re-Fitted Kitchen • Utility & WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room & WC
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Energy Rating TBC
- Garage & Driveway
- Pleasant Front & Rear Gardens

£102,000

**NEW**

**BENTLEY  
POPLAR AVENUE**

- Ground Floor Maisonette • Spacious Lounge • Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms • Large Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing • Energy Rating TBC
- Off Road Parking • Pleasant Rear Gardens

£79,950 NO UPWARD CHAIN

**SHORT HEATH  
WOOD LANE CLOSE**

- Outstanding Detached Bungalow • Versatile Accommodation
- Three Double Bedrooms • 2 Re-Fitted Bathrooms
- Conservatory • Superb Spacious Lounge • Energy C
- Excellent Re-Fitted Kitchen with Dining Area
- Garage & Driveway • Rear Gardens • Gas CH • Double Glaz

£250,000

**COPPICE FARM  
NIGHTINGALE CRESCENT**

- Superb Executive Detached property • Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room • Re-Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- 4 Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathroom • Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Garage & Driveway • Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing • ENERGY RATING D

£220,000

**SUMMER HAYES  
COLLIERS CLOSE**

- Impressive extended much improved detached bungalow
- Lounge and dining room • Superb orangery/sitting room
- Bathfitted kitchen • Four bedrooms • Garage & driveway
- Pleasant rear garden • Gas central heating & double glazing
- Family bathroom • Luxury en-suite shower room • Energy Rating 'D'

**OFFERS OVER £199,950**

**WILLENHALL  
MAGNOLIA GROVE**

- Beautifully Presented Detached Residence on Sought After Area
- Lounge • 22m Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen • ENERGY RATING 'C'
- Four Bedrooms • Master with En-Suite • Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Garage • Off Road Parking • Pleasant Rear Garden

£180,000

**NO CHAIN**

**NEW INVENTION  
CRAB LANE**

- Detached Link detached bungalow
- Two • Three Bedrooms
- Energy 'F' • Two reception
- Bathroom • Gas CH
- Double glazing • 30ft side garage • Rear Garden

£159,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN

**COPPICE FARM  
SANDALWOOD CLOSE**

- Improved Semi Detached • Energy Rating 'D'
- Lounge • Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Garage • Drive • Pleasant Rear Gardens

£135,000

**NEW INVENTION  
SANDLAND ROAD**

- Excellent traditional semi detached property
- Superb refitted kitchen • ENERGY RATING D
- Lounge & dining room • Three good size bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Large rear garden • Utility area • Viewing recommended

£118,000

**BENTLEY  
ATLEE ROAD**

- Improved Semi Detached Property • Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory • Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Three Good Size Bedrooms • Bathroom & Separate WC
- Gas Central Heating • Energy Rating 'D'
- Driveway • Rear Gardens

£115,000

**REDUCED**

**HADLEY HEATH  
HAWKSWELL DRIVE**

- Extended Modern Semi Detached • Gardens
- Lounge • Re-Fitted Kitchen • Versatile Accommodation
- Ground Floor Bedroom / Dining Room • Wet Room / Utility
- Two Further Bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy Rating 'D'
- Gas Central Heating • Part Double Glazing • Driveway

**£114,995 REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE**

**REDUCED**

**ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD  
KITCHEN LANE**

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Much sought after location • Three bedrooms
- Gas c/heating & d/glazing • No upward chain
- Three reception rooms • Enclosed rear garden with patio
- Ample off road parking • Energy rating 'D'

**NOW OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112,500**

**REDUCED**

**WEDNESFIELD  
COLMAN AVENUE**

- Pleasantly appointed traditional style semi detached
- Popular location • Three bedrooms
- UPVC d/glazing & gas c/heating
- 24ft through lounge/diner • Off road parking
- Energy rating 'C'

**NOW £104,950**

**NO CHAIN**

**BENTLEY  
EWART ROAD**

- Well Appointed Traditional Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Spacious Lounge • Dining Room • ENERGY RATING 'C'
- Fitted Kitchen • Utility • Downstairs WC
- Two Double Bedrooms • Bathroom • Pleasant Gardens
- Gas CH • Rejoice Double Glazing • Off Road Parking

**OFFERS OVER £99,950**

**WILLENHALL**

- Modern detached • 3 bedrooms • En-suite & Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining room • Kitchen • Conservatory • Gas CH
- Garage, Drive • Gardens • Double Glaz • Energy 'C'

£199,950

**PORTOBELLO**

- New Detached Bungalow • Brand New Development
- Lounge • Kitchen • Two / Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas CH • Double Glazing • Gardens • Energy TBC

£129,995

**WILLENHALL**

- Mid Terrace Property • No Chain • Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen • 3 • Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Double glazing • ENERGY TBC • Driveway & Gardens

£77,000

**WILLENHALL**

- Much improved 3 Bedroom semi • Lounge & Conservatory
- Fitted kitchen • Wc • Gas CH & Double Glaz • Energy C
- Garage, Driveway • Garden • Bathroom, En-Suite

£150,000

**BENTLEY**

- Extended semi detached property • Four Bedrooms
- Lounge • Downstairs wc • Part Double Glazing, Kitchen
- Rear Garden • Gas central heating • Energy Rating 'D'

**OFFERS OVER £120,000**

**WILLENHALL**

- Well presented ground floor apartment • Lounge
- Fitted kitchen • Double bedroom • Bathroom • Energy 'C'
- Double glazing • Gas CH • Parking space • No chain

£70,000

**WILLENHALL**

- Large Period 4 Bedroom End Terrace • No Chain • Gas CH
- Lounge & Dining Room • Breakfast Room & Kitchen
- ENERGY TBC • Bathroom and Separate WC • Side Gardens

£140,000

**WILLENHALL**

- Traditional style 3 Bedroom mid terrace • Energy 'D'
- Lounge • Refitted dining kitchen • Ground Fl Shower Rm
- En-suite wc • Part d/glaz • Part Gas CH • Drive • Gardens

£85,000

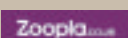
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- Double glaz, storage heating • No Chain • Energy E

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EPC D



£230,000

A four Bedroom property comprising lounge, kitchen/family room, en-suite bathroom, rear garden and garage.

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Offers Over £250,000

A traditional style four bedroom detached home situated on an exceptional plot with front and rear access.

Sherlock Close, Willenhall



EPC D

£200,000

A four bedroom detached property comprising conservatory, lounge, dining room, gardens and garage.

Evenlode Grove, Willenhall



EPC C

£200,000

A four bedroom, two bathroom detached home situated in the sought after "Riverpoint" development benefitting from conservatory.

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Awaiting EPC

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A well presented four bedroom detached home situated in a cul-de-sac location on the popular Coppice Farm development.

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Offers Over £180,000

A well presented four bedroom, two bathroom detached property situated in an exclusive cul-de-sac in the Pool Hayes area of Willenhall.

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EPC D

Offers Over £150,000

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EPC C

Offers Over £150,000

A stunning three bedroom semi detached home with an impressive L-shaped lounge, conservatory and dining room. Also benefitting from a utility room.

Morris Avenue, Walsall



EPC G

£150,000

A newly refurbished "Showhome style" three bedroom semi detached home benefitting from an extended kitchen/breakfast room.

The Hayes, Willenhall



Awaiting EPC

£145,000

A "Showhome style" three bedroom semi detached home with garage situated on the sought after Summer Hayes development.

Walsall Street, Wednesbury



EPC D

£140,000

A recently refurbished two bedroom detached bungalow situated on a sought after road overlooking Brunswick Park in Wednesbury.

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## Motoring

# Look in Vauxhall's new Adam and you will find interior that's to die for



Vauxhall's new Adam supermini has beaten the big boys to land the best car interior design award

**VAUXHALL'S** fashionable new Adam supermini has scooped the best interior design in a production car award at the Automotive Interiors EXPO 2013.

Beating competitors such as the Alfa 4C, Jaguar F-Type, Renault Clio and

the new Range Rover, Vauxhall's stylish urban newcomer was selected by a jury of respected motoring journalists from around the world.

The award is part of a trade show in Stuttgart, Germany, for concepts, materials, surfaces, fabrics and components in vehicle interior equipment.

Elizabeth Wetzel, Interior Design

Director, says: "The individualisation of the interior is one of the Adam's many outstanding traits."

"Our small lifestyle car offers almost 82,000 combinations for interior styling."

"The EXPO award is a wonderful tribute to the whole Opel/Vauxhall design team."

# Low-priced crossover is added to SsangYong Korando range

**SSANGYONG** is adding a new, low-priced crossover model to its Korando range – the Korando SE.

"With a new and extremely affordable purchase price, a highly competitive PCP scheme on all models and a market leading 5 year limitless mileage warranty, there has never been a better time to purchase a Korando," said Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK.

Styled by Italian car designer Giorgetto Giugiaro of Ital Design, this new model in the Korando line-up is powered by an advanced and robust 2.0 litre four cylinder turbo diesel engine producing 360Nm of torque with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 147g/km and developing maximum power of 149ps@4,000rpm, while also providing a full two tonne towing capability.

### Customers

The SE features a level of equipment you would normally expect from much more expensive cars, including Electronic stability programme (ESP) with Hill Start Assist, Active Rollover Protection (ARP) and ABS with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD).

It also comes equipped with a number of luxury touches including roof rails, tinted glass and rear parking sensors, while inside there are electric windows front and rear, a leather covered steering wheel and gear shift, air conditioning, cruise control and a Kenwood MP3 CD & RDS radio with iPod & Bluetooth, remote audio controls and six speakers.

In the current economy, customers tell us they want an affordable car, a competitive purchase plan and the peace of mind of a long and 'quibble free' warranty – that's exactly what the new Korando



The new Korando SE shows off its Italian designer lines



Levels of equipment in the Korando SE are really impressive

delivers," says Steve Gray, marketing and communications director of SsangYong.

"The result is a car that is not only fantastic value at just £14,995, but also comes with a level of standard equipment many of the so called 'value brands'

don't even have on their options list! "SsangYong has an enviable reputation for building extremely well engineered vehicles, and this new Korando draws on that pedigree – it's an honest, reliable and highly capable car."



# Auris stays part of the Toyota motoring family

IF THE car you are looking for needs to be dependable, secure, safe, and perhaps not too exciting the market place is quite wide and varied, but one manufacturer that always comes out in the top choice factor is Toyota, one of the world's largest car makers.

Toyota have recently introduced the next generation of the Auris, this benefits from an all-new exterior design.

I like the factor that Toyota has followed other manufacturers of giving their frontal design a corporate look; they call it the 'Toyota family face'.

I just like it when you instantly know who has manufactured a car, has its own heritage, its own DNA, and I really do like this feature that the Auris knows who has manufactured it.

The overall length has been extended just slightly but the wheelbase remains the same, a slight extension of length will relate to a little more interior space although that having been said the new model has been reduced in height by 55mm and this sometimes can be a worry if the interior headroom has been reduced, but I am glad to say this is not the case.

The design people at Toyota have been working hard on the Auris, they worked hard on losing weight, the chassis design, the packaging and the engine configurations.

## Expenditure

All this gives a vehicle that has a better level of equipment and is now cheaper to run than ever before.

The aerodynamics have made quite impressive savings in respect of running costs and in addition engine tweaks and adjustments have improved fuel consumptions and reduced CO2 emissions considerably, thus bringing down running and ownership costs.

The Auris is available with multi-choices in respect of the power trains; you can go for the full hybrid or a choice of two petrols or one diesel.

Hybrid has progressed quite considerably from being a niche market to a very important factor. The jury is still out in respect of hybrids, I believe the technological advancement in conventional engines has seen such strides as the expenditure and long term ownership worries of a hybrid are not sufficient for me to actually consider.

The 2 petrols are a 1.3-litre producing 98bhp, and a 1.6-litre producing 130bhp, this was the engine that was fitted in my particular test car, with a 6-speed gearbox which it is pleasing to report that you can use all of the 6 gears as opposed to some vehicles that I have driven whereby 5th and 6th are pure motorway.

It is possible for your Auris to be supplied with a 1.4-litre diesel producing 89bhp, where the diesel scores heavily in the fuel consumption figures.

Toyota suggest a combined figure of 74 mpg could be achievable but let's reduce that considerably to

real world figures and you should be able to achieve 50 mpg and in all probability 45 from the smaller 1.3-litre petrol. My 1.6-litre rewarded me with 42 mpg whilst it was in my company.

Toyota have taken the step of changing the way they describe their vehicles and now you can buy an Active, Icon, Sport or an Excel.

The standard features on all versions include 7 air bags, air conditioning, follow me home headlights, they also benefit from hill start assist, a vehicle stability programme system and LED daytime running headlamps.

All manufacturers have extras list and the optional Toyota Touch and Go multimedia system with a full map navigation system was fitted in to my vehicle, and for once it was one of the most user friendly satellite navigation and Bluetooth methods I have used.

## Automatic

Even the entry level Active benefits from automatic air-conditioning and electric windows and mirrors.

The Auris is a pleasant vehicle to be ensconced in for any length of time, the all important head and shoulder room box for driver and front passenger was ticked without any problems and the rear seats could accommodate 2 adults certainly, 3 children quite easily, 3 adults with a squish.

The boot was more than adequate for the luggage for 4 people.

I did like on my derivative the parking assist system, a rear view camera and front and rear parking sensors.

Servicing  
The on road price is £17,495 on to that you needed to add £450 for metallic paint and on my vehicle the touch and go navigation system increased the price by £650.

All Toyotas have a 5-year 100,000 miles Pan European Mechanical Warranty and benefit from a 3-year paint work warranty, anti corrosion is covered for 12 years.

In addition Toyota has included a one-year full AA cover, and servicing should be done annually or at 10,000 miles.

## Model benefits from redesign



The new-look Auris has retained all that is good from Toyota in safety and reliability

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## Youngest black belt at TKD club is only 15

TWO martial artists from the Walsall Tae Kwon Do Club are celebrating after moving up the rankings.

Nidesh Mohan Lal has been training at the club since 2009 and is now the youngest black belt at the club at just 15.

The students gained their 1st Dan grading at Bristol TAGBAcademy.

Shaan Patel was promoted to 2nd Dan black belt, she has been training at the club for eight years since she was 13.

Instructor Jason Rowley said: "Both students were successful due to their commitment and dedication over the years."

"They were examined by five 8 Dan black belt masters while completing a series of patterns (Puls), line work, sparring, Korean theory and Shaan had to complete board breaking."

He added: "We are extremely proud of them both and they are assets to the club."

The club will be holding New Tiger classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6.15pm-7pm at St Mary's The Mount Church, Glebe Street.

For more information visit [www.walsall-tae-kwon-do-club.co.uk](http://www.walsall-tae-kwon-do-club.co.uk) or call 07976158381.

## Champ on hand for trophy day

GREAT Wyrley ABC held its exhibition/presentation day in front of a packed audience at Great Wyrley Sports and Social Club.

British Lightweight Champion Martin Gethin was guest of honour as the club presented 15 bouts, ranging from the junior section, the GWABC Squad, the women's section and the 'keep fitters' in the gym.

Trophies were also handed out to members who have represented the club in competition this season with Ryan "Rambo" Mansell and Reece Roberts earning boxers of the year titles.

Coach Peter Hickenbottom said: "What a fantastic day and a fantastic turn out."

"Throughout the day there were over 370 people in attendance which was brilliant for us but more so for the sports and social club as it put money into the coffers."

"I couldn't thank Martin Gethin enough for staying the whole day, having pictures taken with everyone involved. He was a proper gentleman, and his involvement has won him a whole new army of fans."

## A sixth title for Daniela

DANIELA Hantuchova saw off Croatian teenager Donna Vekic to win her sixth career title at the Aegon Classic in Birmingham.

The Slovakian won 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 at Edgbaston Priory as she wore down 16-year-old Vekic, who battled hard in the first set.

Hantuchova broke serve to lead 4-3 but Vekic responded in kind and then, once the set had gone to a tiebreaker, Vekic battled back from 5-2 down before succumbing 7-5.

Vekic fought hard in the second set too, but 30-year-old Hantuchova broke her at 5-4 to set up the straight-sets victory.

# Bulldogs put up brave fight at leaders

**Telford Raiders 26 B-ham Bulldogs 12**  
BIRMINGHAM Bulldogs Rugby League FC travelled to Telford minus a number of first-choice players to face a Raiders side sitting on top of the league table with a 100 per cent record.

A heavy defeat might have been in prospect, but Brum's youthful outfit made the hosts work hard to retain their record.

An early try by Telford's second row Denham Samuels showed Birmingham what they could expect, and Bulldogs had a lot of defending to do for the next 20 minutes.

Then, though, Brum posted a try that was as good as any in the match. Jermaine Bernard fed through to a team mate who in

## Rugby League

turn went on a storming run down the right flank before passing inside to skipper and stand-off Matt Dudley who touched down by the posts.

Danny Bancroft added the goal to put the visitors ahead by two points.

## Acting

The lead was all too brief, however, as Telford again went to the Birmingham line where hooker Stephen Taylor went over from scrum half Ben Lewis, acting as half-back, added the conversion to restore Raiders' lead.

Just before the break, Telford went ten

points clear when Pom Tutt crossed for a try that Lewis converted.

**Half time: Telford Raiders 16 Birmingham Bulldogs 6**

Bulldogs needed to score early to get back into contention and did so in spectacular fashion.

With Raiders pressing the Brum line, they mishandled and the loose ball was scooped up by right winger Jermaine Bernard who broke clear and raced 90 metres to the posts to touch down then loose forward Sam Shepherd converted.

The big home pack was testing Birmingham's defence.

The Bulldogs tackled valiantly but were unable to prevent further tries by Taylor

(his second – goal Lewis) and left-winger Andy Young. It was a commendable show in defeat by Bulldogs for whom Sam Shepherd was man-of-the match, with Adam Walker and Nic Evans in contention. Samuels took the award for the Telford Raiders

This Saturday, June 22, Bulldogs are at home to Coventry Bears A with the kickoff at 2.30pm.

Scorers for Telford were: TD Samuels, S Taylor (2), P Tutt, A Young G.B. Lewis (3)

Birmingham: TM Dudley, J Bernard GD Bancroft, S Shepherd.

For more information on Birmingham Bulldogs Rugby League FC, please call 07971 964570 or 0121 707 8773.

# Roy leaving Saddlers with just one regret

**After nearly 60 years of support and service to Walsall, Roy Whalley has left his full-time role with one regret. He reveals all to MATT MAHER**

**STUNNING promotions, last-day relegations, play-off joy and cup despair, if it's happened in football you can bet Roy Whalley has seen it – except his beloved Walsall at Wembley that is.**

Spend any time with the Saddlers' stalwart and you can't fail to become engrossed in footballing tales of the sublime and ridiculous which date back almost six decades.

But Whalley, who recently called time on his full-time role at the club when he stepped down as commercial director, says the fact he has never seen the Saddlers at Wembley remains a constant source of frustration.

Under Ray Graydon, Walsall reached the 2001 Division Two play-off final where they beat Reading, but by twist of fate the game was played at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium as Wembley was being rebuilt.

## Wonderful

"It was a wonderful day at Cardiff, a wonderful experience and I'm not knocking it," says Whalley.

"But one of my great desires is to see Walsall play at Wembley. We lost to Bournemouth and Millwall in consecutive years in the Autoglass Shield Area Final."

"That upset me. It's something I long to see and it would be great for our supporters."

Whalley's retirement last month brought down the curtain on 27 years as a full-time employee in which he also served as chief executive and secretary.

But one job the 66-year-old will never walk away from is that of fan. He freely admits he's been a Saddlers diehard since being taken to his first game – a 1-1 draw with Millwall – at the age of eight by his grandfather.

He's seen the club rise to the second tier of the English game and sink as low as the fourth, move to a brand-new stadium and survive financial disaster more than once.

While Whalley names the 2001 play-off win as the best moment from his time



A moment to reflect on his time with the Saddlers for Roy Whalley at the Banks's Stadium

working at the club, for his greatest memory as a fan you have to go back further back. To April 1961, when a 14-year-old Whalley joined hordes of Saddlers fans on a journey to Shrewsbury for a crucial Third Division game which resulted in a 2-1 win and promotion.

"That's my greatest day," he says, "the one I really cherish."

"We needed to win and QPR to lose to go up. Both happened and there were 10,000 Walsall fans at Gay Meadow. There were loads outside on the railway embankment."

January 1975 was another memorable month, as a Saddlers team which included outgoing community director and goalkeeping coach Mick Kearns recorded FA Cup wins over Manchester United and Newcas-

tle in the space of three weeks. With the highs must come lows and Whalley has seen his fair share. The 1963 last-day relegation at Charlton "knocked him about".

But the biggest low was the Saddlers team which contained high-profile names like Paul Merson and Vinny Samways getting relegated from the Championship in 2004.

## Talented

"Every time we have been relegated has been bad but that one that really sticks in the mind. I felt we had the most talented squad we have ever had," says Whalley.

"We should never have been relegated with players like Paul Merson and Vinny Samways in the side. I felt they let us down big-time and that season knocked us around



Roy presents Dean Smith with a Manager of the Month award

a lot as a club." That failure ended the club's three-year stay in English football's second tier and they have never returned.

A further relegation to League Two followed two years later but the Saddlers bounced straight back and are arguably enjoying their best time on the pitch since those heady days of the early 2000s.

In Dean Smith, Whalley believes the Saddlers have the perfect manager to guide them back to the second tier.

He said: "I love the fact he started his career here. He was our youngest-ever captain, he has a feel for the club and I like that."

"As manager he has been outstanding. I think we can be cautiously optimistic about the future."

## Rain saves Walsall after wet batting day

WALSALL had the weather to thank as they escaped with a draw against Premier Division leaders Shrewsbury in the Birmingham Cricket League.

The Gorway Road side were skittled out for just 62 but the visitors were left stranded on 29-1 as rain forced an abandonment.

Captain Gary Quiney struck 55 as Wolverhampton claimed a winning draw at home to Himley. His innings was the highlight of the hosts' 175-7 from a reduced quota of 46 overs. Struggling Himley then reached 114-3, Nathan Round hitting an unbeaten 48.

West Bromwich Dartmouth's clash with Kidderminster Victoria at Sandwell Park was called off after the hosts had reached 252-7, Basit Zaman top scoring with 87.

In Division One, Smethwick claimed an impressive winning draw against second-placed Kenilworth Wards in a game reduced to 20-overs per side.

Smethwick made 91-7 then former Warwickshire ace Neil Carter claimed 3-17 as the visitors were restricted to just 46-5.

In Division Three Cannock finished just two runs short of a winning draw at Streely.

## Whiley just misses her second title

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley narrowly missed out on winning her second ITF 1 Series singles titles in as many weeks.

The wheelchair tennis star was runner-up at the Daegu Open to Japan's Yui Kamiji, the player she will partner next month at The Championships, Wimbledon.

For the second week in a row the British No. 2 and Korea Open champion started the women's singles as second seed and followed a first round bye by defeating Louise Hunt 7-5, 6-2 as two of the three top ranked Brits on the Tennis Foundation's Wheelchair Tennis Performance Programme went head-to-head.

Whiley then had a 6-2, 6-2 win over Japanese fourth seed Kanako Domori.

World No.8 Whiley went into Friday's final having beaten Kamiji 6-4, 6-4 to win the Korea Open a week earlier, but top seed and world No. 7 Kamiji just had the edge in their latest head-to-head to beat Whiley for the first time in four attempts after securing the title 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

## Dream over for Reanne

DUDLEY snooker ace Reanne Evans saw her hopes of facing a former world champion end when she lost a qualifier at the Wuxi Classic event in China.

Evans, making history as the first female player to appear at a major tournament, lost 5-2 to Ziu Zinghui, who will now face 2010 world champion Neil Robertson in the first round.

The 27-year-old nine-time world women's snooker champion lost the opening three frames but produced a run of 79 and then a 38 break to close the deficit. But breaks of 46 and 42 saw Zinghui through to a dream clash with Robertson.

# Brown's angling title in league's first season

ANGLER Dave Brown's fifth place in the final round gave him overall victory in the inaugural Wolverhampton AA Individual Spring League.

A 7.15-8 net of roach and skimmers on the Staffs & Worcs Canal at Wombourne on Sunday did the trick for the Penkridge-based Maver Midlands angler.

He finished with 31 points, six clear of runner-up Bruce Birch (Four Ashes AC) with Ben Garbett (Wolverhampton AA VDE) third on 45 points.

The match was won by Maver Midlands' rising star Rob Lloyd who netted 10 chub for 11-12-0 ahead of Martin Owen (Browning Lifestyle) 9-3-0.

Third place was shared between Tony Eagles (Four Ashes AC) and Dean Williams (Team Eclipse) on 8-0-0.

The Big Match Pool was employed for

both this week's competitions at King's Pools in Shareshill. The first event was the Wednesday Affordable where tackle dealer Shaun Jones of Allen's Tackle, Leamore, made the grade with a 76-11-0 bag of carp to 4lb caught on poled pellet off peg 65.

An all-F1's net of 72-0-0 guaranteed second for Trev Robinson (Maver Midlands/Bag 'Em Bait) and Terry Edwards (Swan Elite) was third with 63-9-0.

## Inimitable

There seems to be no stopping the inimitable Jordan Hall (Maver Midlands/Bag 'Em Bait) when he smashed his own venue record at King's Pools for the second consecutive week with a monumental 190-10-0 haul of quality carp to 9lb attracted on meat, shallow off Big Match peg 23.

Tony Wollaston (Fatty's Tackle) filled the

runner-up spot, finishing over 118lb adrift with an F1's net of 72-3-0 from peg 51. King's man Nigel Clarke came third with another pellet caught F1's catch for 59-12-0.

Sonass team man Kevin Tipton trounced his opponents during Sunday's Blackford's Progressive Secretary Invitation match hon Kingswood Lake, Cannock, with a superb 43-2-0 net comprising of 25 skimmers alongside bream to 3lb, tempted on the feeder with maggots from peg five.

Gary Gibson (Stoke-on-Trent) netted 26-9-0 of bream and skimmers for second, off peg nine and Shifnal's Dave Ridgeway was third with an all-bream 20-12-0.

A plentiful bream to 3lb net of 25-14-0 caught on pole-fished red maggot and caster baits off peg 4, ensured victory for Mel Wood (Four Ashes AC) at Wednesday's Wolverhampton AA evening pen held on the Staffs

& Worcs Canal at Penkridge. Wood beat team-mate Steve Cope who weighed in another sizeable net of bream for 22-14-8.

At the Wolverhampton AA Saturday Open, Dave Richards (Four Ashes AC) landed the match with four caster-enticing chub for 7-8-10 off peg 15. Seasoned campaigner, Fred 'The Bread' Cheetham (Team Eclipse) offered his favoured bread punch on peg 12 to take second with an all-roach net of 6-10-8 followed by Barry Jones (Four Ashes AC) who made third with 5-7-7.

West Midland anglers are mourning Goodyear AC club president John 'Jack' Thomson, who died on June 3. Club secretary Malcolm Bethell said: "Jack was always heavily involved in all aspects of the club and a dear friend who fulfilled all of his duties on all levels of the committee until his illness seriously hampered his mobility."



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## Timmins moves fast for captain

NEW Pelsall Villa, boss, Craig Timmins, has wasted little time in securing the services of his captain for the new season after Ashley Bellingham put pen-to-paper at The Bush this week.

The central defender, who can also play in the middle of the park, proved his leadership qualities during his time with the Villians last term and will be a key figure in Timmins' new-look squad.

"Ashley is the type of player that I want to help take this club to the next level," said Timmins.

"He has plenty of ability and a real determination to succeed. He will lead by example and I am delighted that he has committed himself to the club for the season ahead."

Timmins has already put in place a challenging schedule of pre-season matches that starts with a trip to Redditch United on Saturday, June 29.

A Walsall XI then visit The Bush on Wednesday, July 3 before Midland Football Alliance new-boys, Walsall Wood are the visitors on Thursday, July 11.

Trips to Burntwood Town (July 13), Tipton Town (July 20), Wyrley (July 23) and Droitwich Spa (August 3) follow, whilst Timmins is hopeful of adding a couple more high-profile encounters.

## I love Walsall says, Purkiss

DEFENDER Ben Purkiss has indicated he will stay at Walsall next season, saying he 'loves' the club.

The 29-year-old, who arrived last summer from Hereford United, is one of four out-of-contract players yet to sign a new deal at the Banks's Stadium.

But, posting on social networking site Twitter, he claimed he will be staying at the Saddlers.

Purkiss, who made 25 appearances last season, posted: "In Spain, not with the gaffer unless he's flying out to meet me but I think that's unlikely. No need. I love Walsall so will be back anyways."

The statement will be welcomed by Saddlers fans who have been waiting for news on out-of-contract stars. Of the those offered new deals, so far Dean Holden, Adam Chambers and James Chambers have agreed terms.

## Sir Jack sends fans 90th birthday message



Sir Jack Hayward

Sir Jack Hayward has delivered a 90th birthday wish to remind Wolves fans of their key role in the renaissance of the club.

The multi-millionaire life club president celebrated the memorable milestone at home in the Bahamas with an RAF-themed party of 100 guests at the Sir Charles Hayward Yacht Club named after his father.

But thoughts of his beloved Wolves and home city are never far away.

As he raised a glass on Friday, he had a defiant message which will tug at the heartstrings of every Wolves

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supporter, urging them to remember that following the club is a lifelong devotion.

"All the best to Wolves, and all the best for Wolverhampton," he said. "I have so many fond memories of the place. My message to people is this: Wolves are not just for one season; Wolves are forever."

Left as miserable as any fan at the events of the last 18 months, Sir Jack doesn't want to dwell on Wolves'

current predicament - languishing in the third tier of English football, somewhere they were never seriously close to sinking to during his 17 years of ownership from 1990-2007.

It's a long way from the pinnacle of his stewardship, the glorious day at the Millennium Stadium a decade ago when Wolves won promotion to the Premier League for the first time to end a 19-year absence from the top flight. Season ticket sales, although they now top 10,000, are down to a low not experienced since Sir Jack's early days at the helm when Molineux

was crumbling before his £20m rebuild gave rise to the Golden Palace in the early 1990s.

Meanwhile, the club have addressed the swirling speculation suggesting Karl Henry is set to join Leicester or Ipswich and that Wolves have joined Sheffield Wednesday in being interested in Swansea striker Leroy Lita. Wolves haven't received any contact from either Championship club regarding Henry, and they haven't made any calls for Lita, who saw a move to Molineux turn sour under ex boss Mick McCarthy.

## Saddlers away to Port Vale

WALSALL were have been drawn away at Port Vale in the first round of the Capital One Cup.

The Saddlers, who were one of 35 seeded teams with Wolves and Birmingham, will play Vale in the week starting August 5. "It will be a tough game," said Walsall boss Dean Smith.

Wolves will travel to Morecambe, who finished 16th in League Two last season, while Birmingham are at home to League Two Plymouth.

Draw: Bury v Crewe, Shrewsbury v Bolton, Middlesbrough v Accrington Stanley, Doncaster v Rochdale, Preston v Blackpool, Barnsley v Scunthorpe, Tranmere v Mansfield, York v Burnley, Notts County v Fleetwood, Sheffield United v Burton, Oldham v Derby, Carlisle v Blackburn, Morecambe v WOLVES, Nottingham Forest v Hartlepool, Leeds v Chesterfield, Huddersfield v Bradford, Rotherham v Sheffield Wednesday, Port Vale v WALSALL, Gillingham v Bristol City, AFC Bournemouth v Portsmouth, Wycombe v Leicester, Brentford v Dagenham, Exeter v QPR, Charlton v Oxford, Southend v Yeovil, Millwall v AFC Wimbledon, Swindon v Torquay, BIRMINGHAM v Plymouth, Stevenage v Ipswich, Cheltenham v Crawley, Bristol Rovers v Watford, Northampton v Milton Keynes, Leyton Orient v Coventry, Colchester v Peterborough, Brighton v Newport County.

## Contract lifeline for Ebanks-Blake

WOLVES striker Sylvan Ebanks-Blake could be offered a contract lifeline by Ipswich - but Crystal Palace are favourites to sign him.

Former Molineux boss Mick McCarthy is considering offering the 27-year-old, whose deal expires in two weeks a short-term contract at Portman Road. Ebanks-Blake isn't expected to be fully fit until October.

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# CUTLER SIGNS DEAL TO COACH KEEPERS

WALSALL have officially confirmed the appointment of Neil Cutler as their new goalkeeping coach.

The former Villa and Albion stopper's arrival at the Banks's Stadium had been something of an open secret for weeks but he has now finally put pen to paper on a deal.

Cutler replaces Mick Kearns, who has retired after 30 years coaching the club's keepers. He becomes the first full-time keeper coach at the Banks's since 2008.

The 36-year-old, who has left League Two Scunthorpe United to take up the new role, had previously described himself and the Saddlers as a perfect match - a sentiment echoed by Walsall manager Dean Smith.

"We are well aware of Neil's ability as a goalkeeping coach," said Smith.

"He comes here with a good reputation and as someone who is based locally, it is a perfect fit for him and the club."

### Enthusiastic

"He is keen to work with all of the keepers at every level throughout the club and is extremely forward-thinking and enthusiastic about the role."

"He's a welcome addition to the backroom staff here and I look forward to working with him."

Perton-born Cutler's appointment had been anticipated since Scunthorpe boss Brian Laws last month announced he would be leaving the Iron and moving to the Saddlers.

After leaving Villa in 2001, Cutler enjoyed successful playing spells at Stoke City and Swansea City.

But a chronic back injury forced him to retire aged just 30 and he moved into coaching, first with Bury before later moving to Scunthorpe.

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Cutler said he was delighted to have finally sealed the move back to the Midlands. He said: "I have had a good, long chat with Dean Smith and I am happy to be joining a club that is going places."

"Dean is a top young manager and Richard O'Kelly is a great coach, so I can only learn from them."

"I am always striving to improve and get better; I'm young and hungry and have lots of ideas."

Cutler said he wants to develop a 'conveyor belt' of top young keepers at the club.

He said: "It's about time Walsall started producing young keepers."

"If you've got a keeper ready to step up it saves searching around the league for one from another club."

The Saddlers are currently hunting a senior goalkeeper but whoever comes in can expect to work in a strict regime under highly-motivated Cutler.

"I like my goalkeepers to be first in and last out," he added.

"They have to be hard working and motivated, I will be the one getting on their backs. It's so important a keeper is organised."

## Saddlers unveil their 125th anniversary kit

WALSALL have unveiled playing kits for the club's historic 125th anniversary season, along with two new advertising deals.

Designed by Diadora following a consultation with fans, the kits have been created with the aim of honouring memorable periods from the Saddlers' past.

The home shirt features the white V neck commonly worn by the club's successful teams of the 1950s and 60s, along with white pinstripes to commemorate the 1994 run to the League Cup semi-finals.

White shorts and white socks complete the home kit. The away kit is navy blue with a red trim.

The Saddlers have also announced a new sponsorship deal with CAT Communications, who were back-of-shirt sponsors for the past two seasons. The firm will now become front-of-shirt sponsor.

Accountancy firm Dains LLP takes over as the back-of-shirt sponsor. Saddlers commercial manager Nina Best said: "The choice of playing kit for the season ahead has been a key decision."

"It was important the club consulted with the fans as to which kits had been most memorable and influential for them in past seasons."

Both kits are on sale from the Banks's Stadium club shop. Adult shirts cost between £39.99 and £44.99, with shorts priced £14.99.

Children's shirts cost £24.99, while shorts are £10.99 and socks £7.99 all sizes.



In the new kit are, from left to right, Jamie Paterson, Andy Butler and Sam Manton

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